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Be Friendly

THE FAMILIAR COVER OF THE LUTHERAN caught my eye as I slipped into the streetcar seat alongside the girl who was reading it. For a few minutes I studied the profile of the young face bent over the magazine. Should I speak to her? The girl closed the book and put it away, an indication that she'd soon be leaving the car. It was now or never.

"Are you a Lutheran?"

The girl turned with a smile. "Yes."

Within the next few minutes I learned from what church she came, that she was Life Service Secretary of the District Luther League on her way to an executive meeting at our church, was to give a speech on life service in another church that evening, and that she hadn't received the latest pamphlets on the diaconate. When she asked where she could obtain the latter I offered to send some.

As soon as I reached home, I gathered the necessary pieces, and off they went. Within a few days I received a thank-you note. One paragraph stood out above all others.

"It is [the] friendly spirit of our members that endears the church to me. Everyone always ready and willing to lend a helpi hand to everyone else."

I thought of my own hesitancy—I had most not spoken to the writer when she v on the streetcar. And, when had *I* last l a helping hand to anyone in church?

Lutherans on public conveyances are always reading magazines that indicate th church affiliation, but what about us wh we are at conventions or attending c churches Sunday after Sunday? Can it said of us that we have a "friendly spir and that we're "always ready and willing lend a helping hand to everyone"? Is t the impression we give young people, str gers in our church, fellow-members?

Perhaps we hesitate because we are s or afraid of a rebuff. Let's remember t usually the other person is shy, too. As fo rebuff, we can paraphrase the words o father to his son, "Treat everybody w friendliness, even those who are unfrien to you. For remember that you show frie liness to others not because they are Ch tians but because you are one."

—SISTER BERTHA G. ZELLMANN

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THE CHURCH IN THE NEWS

Pope seeks votes

All the strength the Vatican could exert on Italian voters was being used to prevent a Communist victory this month. On three Sundays (May 27, June 3, June 10) Italians were electing city and state officials. It was the most clear-cut test of strength between Communists and anti-Communists in Italy since 1948.

Pope Pius warned Italians not to vote for enemies of the church. Cardinal Schuster, Roman Catholic archbishop of Milan, instructed all parish priests to "remind the faithful of their very grave duty to use the vote for the specific purpose of securing for Italy competent Catholic administrators."

The 1951 elections, said the Cardinal, "will decide whether Italy is to remain free and Catholic, or whether it will be grouped among the states which are satellites of the Soviet Union." Cardinal Dalla Costa of the Florence archdiocese said a Catholic who fails to vote will commit "a sin much greater than missing Mass on Sunday."

"Civic committees" had been organized in Roman Catholic parishes to get out the vote. They were competing with well-organized Communist and Communist-front parties which polled 8 million votes in 1948. Communist strength in the Pope's homeland has been greater than anywhere else in western Europe.

Preacher in politics

Philadelphia's city administration knew it had no chance of re-election in the balloting next November unless something drastic could be done. Scandals in City Hall had stirred the city's quiet surface. The Kefauver Committee had revealed a close connection between the city's policemen and the gamblers.

This month party leaders had a m they thought they could elect as may of Philadelphia. The Rev. Daniel Poling had agreed to head the Republica ticket. He had been pastor of one of th city's largest churches, the Baptist Templ He is editor of The *Christian Herald,* o of America's most widely circulated r ligious magazines.

Heavy firing from opposition leade began as soon as Dr. Poling announce that "I shall campaign with utmost vig and, if elected, I will give everything I a and have to the task."

An opposition Republican candida asked, "Do Republicans want ministeri sanctity used to conceal the evil this lea ership has sanctioned in City Hall? Democratic leader Richardson Dilwort said "the good Dr. Poling, who is n even remotely familiar with Philadelphi had accepted 'stooges' to run with hi on his slate."

Provision for COs

There might be an easy way out f men whose consciences won't perm them to be drafted into U.S. militar service. The new law now being put i form for final adoption by Congress say that conscientious objectors may be ex cused from the draft if they obey orde of their local draft boards to "perfor civilian work contributing to the nation health, safety, or interest."

This looks like more generous trea ment of COs than they got during Wor War II, said A. Stauffer Curry, executiv secretary of the National Service Boa for Religious Objectors. Under the wa time draft law, COs were sent to civili public service camps.

NEW ARCHBISHOP

nd's Bishop Ilmari Salomies had chosen last month as successor to the Archbishop Aleksi Lehtonen. He was pp of the Mikkeli diocese since 1943

committee of both houses of Con- is writing a compromise bill, based ills already passed by the Senate and se of Representatives. According to proposed law, men who refuse to en- in fighting but who are willing to be ted may be assigned to noncombatant ice in the armed forces. They may e in the Medical Corps or as chap- s' assistants.

a CO is opposed even to noncom- nt service, according to the law now oosed, a draft board may order him ngage in civilian work considered use- to the nation. The proposed law sn't describe what the work might be. it doesn't say how many years the must be under orders of his draft rd.

ft won't take ministerial students

J S. draft laws had exempted young who are certified as students for the ministry. The new law now being written continues this exemption.

It is a "frightfully serious" problem to decide which students are genuinely eager to become ministers and which are trying to evade the draft, a committee of the United Lutheran Synod of New York reported last month. There has been "a startling increase in the number of students who wish to be certified as candidates for the ministry."

The New York Synod has 136 young men certified as qualified candidates, the committee reported.

Greek Orthodox Church will join NCC

It was certain that Roman Catholics would not join such organizations as the World Council of Churches and the National Council of Churches in the USA. But leaders of these councils were hopeful of bringing in all "non-Roman" churches. Besides Protestant denominations, that meant chiefly the Eastern Orthodox communions.

The Orthodox Church in Greece had decided definitely in January that it is in the World Council of Churches to stay. Orthodox churchmen had been questioning among themselves whether it is proper to belong to a Council of Churches, since they claim that theirs is the only true church. Their final decision is that cooperation in the World Council does not involve surrender of their church's claims.

Last month the Greek Orthodox Church in America (membership 250,000) followed the example of its parent church in Greece. It said that it will apply for membership in the National Council of Churches in the USA. It will be the fifth of the Orthodox churches to join NCC. Largest of these churches, the Russian Orthodox Church in America (membership 300,000) was a NCC charter member.

Not even for Paul

Almost all church bodies were planning to join in the Greek celebrations next month to commemorate the 1900th anniversary of the introduction of Christianity into Europe by St. Paul (THE LUTHERAN, *May 9*). Dr. Stewart W. Herman was to represent the Lutheran World Federation, and Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam the National Council of Christian Churches of the U.S.A.

Notable exception would be the Roman Catholic Church. Vatican authorities declined to send an official delegate. Justification for their action was the refusal of the Greek government to accept a papal representative to Greece.

No blood for Witnesses

Jehovah's Witnesses from eight states, meeting in Minneapolis last month, said Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Labrenz of Chicago were right in not consenting to a blood transfusion for their infant daughter.

The child was born with RH blood factors destroying her red blood cells. Chicago judge ordered a temporary gu dianship for the baby when physici testified that RH negative blood v needed to counteract a condition wh might cause death. The transfusion v given and the child lived.

"The case is not closed," said Milt G. Henschel at the Minneapolis meet of Witnesses. "The parents will appeal the United States Supreme Court." Th say their freedom of religion was abridg by the court action. Witnesses qu Leviticus 17:14—"Ye shall eat the blo of no manner of flesh; for the life of flesh is the blood thereof: whosoever e eth it shall be cut off." The "intake blood," say the Witnesses, violates a b lical commandment.

"When parents willfully neglect the l of their child, it is up to the state to p tect the life of that defenseless bundle humanity," said Edwin T. Breen, Chica attorney.

WEDDING IN SIGN LANGUAGE

Marriage of two deaf-mute couples was solemnized entirely in the sign language in Paul's Lutheran Church, Fort Dodge, Iowa, last month by the Rev. Victor Mesenbr

ld Action 52 per cent ahead

ferings for Lutheran World Action e ULC through April 30 were 52 per l larger in 1951 than in 1950. April ings had reached United Lutheran rch headquarters by May 20. Total 951 was $470,093. In 1950 the May tal had been $308,648.

hen the offerings received in May arrived at the ULC treasury by June the total will probably exceed 50 per of the $1,580,042 goal for the year. cial emphasis on World Action offer- had been made during May in all ods of the United Lutheran Church.

each year an urgent appeal has been essary in December to bring in the ld Action fund. Last year only two- ds of the quota had been secured by . 12. Final total at the end of the year 91.7 per cent of the amount sought. en ULC synods have already con- uted twice as much for World Action year as they did during the same od of 1950. These synods are Central nsylvania, Kansas, Midwest, Mis- ippi, North Carolina, Rocky Moun- , South Carolina, Texas, Virginia, and rtburg.

ucation in stewardship

From the 33 synods of the United Lu- ran Church will come 125 leaders to dy stewardship June 14-16 at Witten- g College, Springfield, Ohio. "Aim of conference," said Mr. Henry Endress, C director of stewardship, "is to plan w our church's synodical stewardship ders and pastors and laymen can work ser together for more dynamic stew- lship programs throughout the church."

Teaching church members to give more erously for the work of the church has en a major ULC emphasis in the last ears. Results have been excellent. ntributions for the United Lutheran Church apportioned benevolence doubled in five years ($1,932,390 in 1945, $3,986,885 in 1950). Total offerings for all purposes in ULC congregations in 1950 averaged a million dollars a week.

The stewardship conference in Springfield next week will hear ULC President Franklin Clark Fry, Dr. Clarence C. Stoughton of Wittenberg College, Dr. T. A. Kantonen of Hamma Divinity School, Harold U. Landis of the Lutheran Laymen's Movement, and others.

Truman says —

Russians in east Germany have been kidnapping children, said President Harry Truman. Youngsters from 10 to 16 years of age "just disappear and are never heard of again." The children are carried off to Moscow, the president stated. The information came from "the bishop of East Berlin," said Mr. Truman.

Communists would probably be glad to know whether it was the Roman Catholic Bishop of Berlin, or the Lutheran Bishop Otto Dibelius, who made the charge.

Last summer when Bishop Dibelius was on his way to the World Council of Churches meeting in Toronto he had a 15-minute interview with Mr. Truman.

Communists said the bishop had been summoned to the president to receive orders. Bishop Dibelius replied, "We are a church, and a church does not recognize political orders. The information Prime Minister Grotewohl got from his agents is just a thriller story." In talking with the president, there had been nothing said about the Russian Zone government or how the Protestant churches in Germany would act in case of a European war.

"It is a fantastic idea," said the bishop, "that anyone in America could think of the American president making suggestions to a German bishop on the political attitude of his church."

Missionaries held in China

No word had come from two United Lutheran missionaries who want to get out of China. Miss Clara Sullivan and the Rev. Paul J. Mackensen had asked for exit permits at Tsingtao.

Last month the U.S. Department of State protested that the Chinese government was violating "elemental principles of international law and practice" in refusing to let American missionaries and businessmen leave the country.

Thirty Americans, including Protestant and Roman Catholic missionaries, had been arrested. They were charged with traveling about without permission, concealing arms, "violating the laws of the country," or espionage. Most missionaries who are not in jail are kept under house arrest.

"In most cases," said the State Department, "the local Chinese Communist authorities have given no explanation of the arrests or any information concerning the welfare or whereabouts of the persons arrested." British officials, who have tried to care for American citizens since U.S. consulates were closed, are not permitted to talk with the prisoners.

Chinese Communists were planning this month to take possession of more than 200 hospitals in China that had received financial support from the United States. Most of them were built by Christian missions. One Shanghai newspaper stated that "United States imperialism had brought harm to Chinese life and thinking through these hospitals."

New job for Sheen

Chief propagandist and convert-maker for the Roman Catholic Church in the United States has been the Rev. Fulton J. Sheen, formerly associated with the Catholic University. Author of many widely read books, Monsignor Sheen has been

CHRIST OF HOLLYWOOD

A Christ statue, 510 feet high, should i placed on Mt. Lee, overlooking Holl wood, proposes Sculptor Roger Burnha He needs $250,000 to complete project

well known for the converts he has mad Among them were such notables as He wood Broun, Claire Boothe Luce, Hen Ford II, Fritz Kreisler, and others.

Last week the 56-year-old priest w made titular Bishop of Caesariana a an auxiliary to Cardinal Spellman, Arc bishop of New York. There are four oth auxiliary bishops in the New Yo diocese.

And so forth

Two policemen in Dallas, Texas, h decided to be Baptist ministers. "I come to the realization that you ca straighten out a man's life by putting hi in jail," said Marvin J. Wise. "The on way is to let God change him." Patr man Wise talked this over with Patrolm John D. Stevenson one January morni while they were sitting in a squad c Both decided to change their professio

orld News Notes

w strategy for Asia

When the wind blows hard around the . Department of State in Washington, men inside are inclined to shift around ording to the way the wind is blowing. ne may consider this a way of being onsive to the will of the people.

Violent criticism of U.S. government icy regarding China had followed Gen- l Douglas MacArthur's words to the ngress. The Truman administration l wanted to have nothing further to do h Chiang Kai-shek's Chinese National- government, and hoped to negotiate eace in Korea with the Chinese Com- nists. General MacArthur favored ping Chiang's Nationalists to win their y back into power in China.

In late May the State Department med to be swinging around. Dean sk, the department's top spokesman on Eastern affairs, made an after-dinner ech in New York City at a meeting of China Institute of America. Chair- n of the meeting was *Time* magazine itor-in-Chief Henry R. Luce, who is State Department's sharpest critic on ina policy. Mr. Luce was pleased by at he heard Mr. Rusk say.

Chiang's government is the true gov- ment of China, Mr. Rusk seemed to ieve. The Communist government "is t entitled to speak for China," he said. is a puppet of the Kremlin.

ubtful about the meaning

Excitement about the Rusk speech ed up in London. If the U.S. intended help Chiang's Nationalist government t back into power in China, it was com- tted to supporting a civil war that might on for years.

It seemed that the U.S. intended to age unrelenting war against communism everywhere in the world—instead of being content to try to check specific acts of aggression. This, The *Times* of London stated, "is a policy of unlimited liability that would commit the Western world to a colossal, unending, and perhaps futile expenditure of resources."

On one thing the British were very definite. They said they would not consent to Chiang's Nationalist government being given any part in writing a peace treaty with Japan. Mr. John Foster Dulles had gone to London to talk with them about this awkward problem.

In Washington Secretary of State Dean Acheson said the Rusk speech did not mean any change in U.S. policy toward China. He said that the U.S. was willing to negotiate with the Chinese Communists on a settlement in Korea.

British get abrupt notice in Iran

While the British criticized the way United States policy veered around in the Far East, Americans were critical of the way the British were handling their hot oil problem in Iran.

The Iranian government served notice on the British that they must get started by May 30 in turning over their immensely valuable oil properties. The billion-dollar oil company in Iran (53 per cent of its stock is owned by the British government) would be seized by the Iranian government if the British failed to act.

The British replied that their oil company would send a man to attend one meeting of the oil nationalization board. But the British also ordered 4,000 paratroopers to get ready to move into Iran if necessary. If they go ashore in Iran, Russian troops will almost certainly move down from the north.

Moslems in Iran—stirred up with nationalistic eagerness to drive out foreigners—threatened to burn down Britain's Abadan oil refinery, the largest in the world. The British wanted to refer the whole debate to the International Court of Justice at the Hague, to determine whether Iran has any right to break its 60-year lease of the oil properties.

Some facts in Israel

Important information had been made public when the United Nations Security Council investigated the trouble along the border between Israel and Syria. Israel had moved out the Arab residents from the Lake Huleh area in the Jordan valley when it decided to drain the swamps and make the land useful for agriculture.

The area is part of the neutral zone between the two nations, which neither has any right to claim until a final settlement of the border is reached.

Fighting between the two nations began when Israel went ahead in dredging and draining the swamps. In late May the UN Security Council voted 10 to 0 to order Israel to stop its drainage work. The American Zionist Council told President Truman it was indignant that the U.S. delegation in the Security Council had "surrendered the purposes and principles of the United Nations charter to Arab aggression."

The Israeli purpose was to drain 15,000 acres for settlement of Jewish immigrants. Arabs claim that the Israeli intention is to push out the borders of their country.

A World Council of Churches conference was held in Lebanon in late May to investigate the situation of 750,000 Arab refugees, most of whom had been driven out of Israel to make room for incoming Jews. Large sums of money will be needed to find homes for the refugees in other Arab lands, the churchmen said.

American Jews become farmers

Most Jews coming as immigrants America during the last century had be poor people, making their homes in ci slums and taking whatever jobs they cou get. Not many of them became farme

But in the last 30 years the Jewish Ag cultural Society had settled 15,000 Ame ican Jews on farms, it reported th month. It had secured loans of $11 million to help them get started.

Latest Jewish recruits for farming h been DPs. Jewish agencies have le them $1,460,454 in the postwar period establish them on the land. A magazin *The Jewish Farmer,* is published to advi them on their problems. Buying and se ing co-operatives have been establishe

Checking up on Americans

To set up an accurate standard of ho much it costs Americans to live, the U. Bureau of Labor Statistics had been gat ering facts this spring about how peop spend their money.

Medium-income families spend 30 p cent of their money for food, the researc ers learned. They usually try to have o big meal on Sunday—with a beef roast and eat hamburger, stew meat, fran furters, and cold meats on other day Most of them still buy butter instead margarine.

Women don't spend very much c clothes, and prefer two pairs of chea shoes instead of one expensive pair. Me buy fewer shoes but pay more for then

About half the families interviewed bu beer and wine to drink at home. The aren't putting as much money as the used to into savings accounts, but a m jority are very insurance-conscious an are enrolled in plans to cover medical e penses. They are giving a smaller part their income for charity than people use to give.

DISPLACED PERSONS whose arrival in the U.S. has been delayed by setbacks in the processing of their applications may be granted an additional six months to complete their clearance. The House, by 310-63 vote, passed a bill extending the deadline for the issuing of visas from June 30 to Dec. 31, 1951. Favorable action is expected in the Senate.

The new bill does not increase the number to be admitted (341,000), nor the terms of eligibility. It keeps those whose entry has been postponed by reasons beyond their control from facing final exclusion because of the ending of the program. It gives sponsors who sent in assurances months ago a new hope that their long-awaited proteges may still enter the U.S.

Delay

ONE OF THE REASONS for delay in processing was the fighting in Korea, remote as that might seem from the DP program. Transport ships that would have been used to bring DPs to the U.S. were pressed into service to carry troops to Korea. Issuance of visas was postponed until adequate shipping space was available.

Another reason was the administrative difficulties caused by the Internal Security Act. The immigration provisions of the new law, as interpreted by the Department of Justice, meant a re-screening of all applicants for entry into the U.S. Any affiliation, even involuntary or under duress, with totalitarian groups was considered reason for exclusion. Children who went to a Nazi school, non-Germans who were forced into service in the German army, men who joined Nazi-approved labor unions in order to support their family, were denied visas under the new code.

Congress changed this rigid interpretation by passing a clarifying bill at this session. It stipulated that only voluntary association with totalitarian groups would count against a prospective immigrant. This lifted the bars which had threatened to keep out hundreds of Baltic soldiers who had been used by the German army against the Russians. Delayed for two years by administrative obstructions marked by group prejudice, these Balts would at last be able to have their applications considered on the basis of individual merit.

Extension

IF CONGRESS were not to advance the deadline for the end of the DP program, many whose processing has been delayed would be denied the hope of coming to the U.S. If the bill does pass the Senate, all those who are in the "pipeline" will have time to have their cases completed and to be issued visas.

The House bill provides that only those can be cleared during the extra six months whose processing has started before the original June 30 deadline. This means that any new assurances must be in by early June in order to be effective.

The Lutheran Resettlement Service of the National Lutheran Council reports that practically all the Lutheran DPs who have registered for resettlement in the U.S. have assurances provided for them. By the close of the program, about 35,000 will have been brought to this country. Efforts will now be focused on the resettlement of ethnic German refugees, who may be admitted until June 1953.

—ROBERT E. VAN DEUSEN

Faith Helps People Get Well

By DAVID BELGUM

Hospital training for pastors enables them to minister more effectively to those who are ill and to speed their recovery

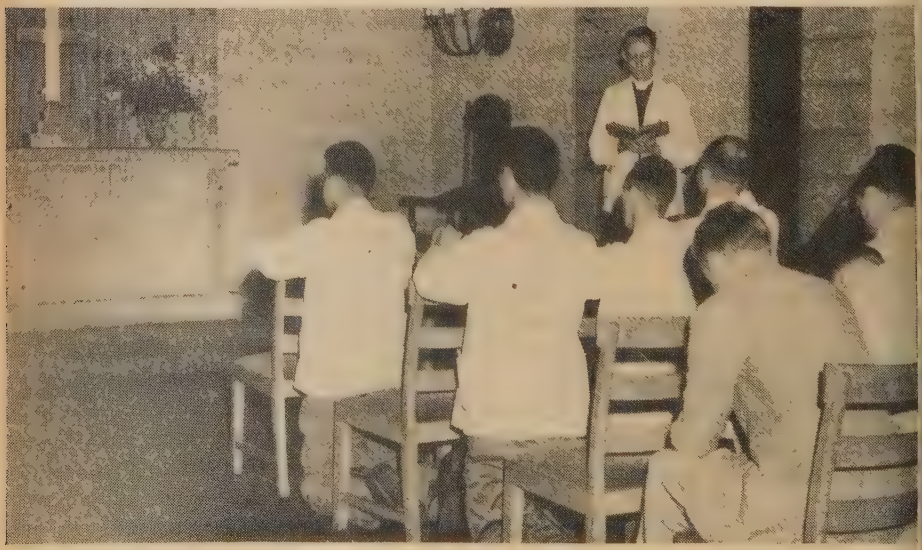
THE WORLD LOOKS different from a hospital bed. The sick and those facing major emergencies such as serious operations or amputations need special counsel and spiritual care.

To help pastors meet the personal problems of such people, clinical training centers have sprung up in many sections of the country. These provide pastors with the opportunity to learn from direct contact with sick people how they can most effectively minister to them.

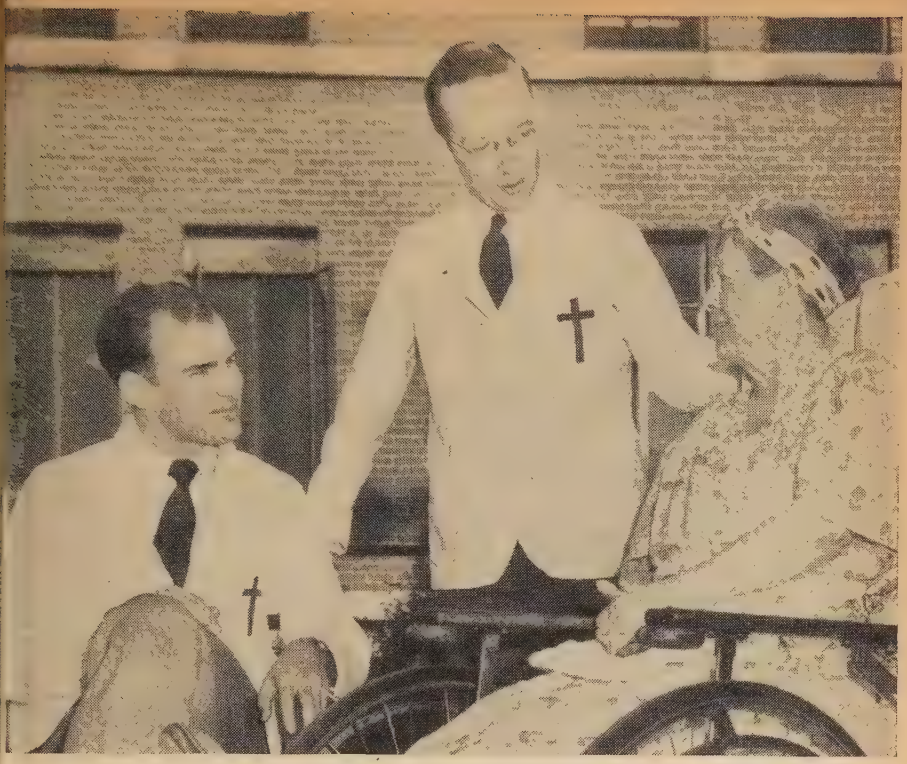
CLINICAL CENTERS OFFER a varied program. In some communities, hospitals and clergy groups have arranged for weekly meetings between pastors and doctors, to study and discuss the spiritual care of the sick. In several large hospitals, summer courses for clergymen are offered. The Institute of Pastoral Care at the 1,000-bed University Hospital at Ann Arbor, Michigan, is one of these. It is directed by Chaplain Malcolm B. Ballinger, a full-time staff member of the hospital. A similar program is conducted at Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, where the Rev. Rollin R. Fairbanks is a full-time chaplain.

At the Michigan institution, the typical program lasts four weeks. During the first two weeks, the students work as or-

The Rev. Mr. Belgum is a ULCA pastor serving Bethany Lutheran Church, Boston.



STUDENTS AT PRAYER
Devotions in hospital chapel begin the day



VISITING WITH A PATIENT
Understanding people is important

-lies. This gives them insight into the navior of patients when they are themves, in contrast to how they feel they ght to act when the pastor comes.

Students also learn the inside workings hospital routine and how better to fit o the health team in a co-operative y. Usually this proves a most valuable erience, which helps make the pastor s self-conscious around the hospital. eanwhile, a multitude of lectures about hospital by department heads, nurses d technicians in the afternoons acaints the students with the range of vices rendered and the various aspects the patients' treatment and care.

EACH DAY BEGINS WITH devotions in chapel led by different members of the group. Then follows a lecture by a specialist, in some field such as surgery. What does a person go through in anesthesia; what fears, justified or unfounded, may pass through the patient's mind? Questions of physical as well as psychological reactions to surgery help the students minister more effectively to surgical patients both before and after their operations. Other specialists bring out the unique problems that are likely to bother a tuberculosis patient or one with heart disease, high blood pressure or thyroid trouble.

Different kinds of mental adjustments need to be made in cases of amputation or loss of functioning parts of the body. In proportion as the pastor is aware of these

needs, he can be helpful in ministering.

Psychosomatic illnesses are receiving much attention now. Many people today are bewildered by the pressure of life, anxious and worried. They have such guilty feelings about their behavior that their bodies break down under the strain. They develop all sorts of physical symptoms, yet the doctor searches in vain for a tangible germ or any chemical unbalance in their organs. At this point the medical profession welcomes sympathetic, co-operative clergymen on the health team, recognizing that here physical and spiritual sickness overlap. Hence the term psychosomatic (soul-body) medicine.

BESIDES STUDYING and practicing the principles of counseling in general, the following topics are also considered: the specific function of the pastor as marriage counselor, the ministry to the chronically ill, the ministry to the dying and the be reaved, the pastoral care of the aged which comprises a rapidly increasing pro portion of our churches. Other subject include personality problems like alcohol ism and sexual maladjustments. Man of these areas overlap with social work psychiatry, psychology, and medicine.

But there is a role which is uniquel the privilege and opportunity of the min isters of the Gospel. The word and th sacraments are means of grace which ar entrusted to the church. These must b brought to patients in understanding, help ful ways. The first-hand experience gaine by a deeper understanding of the prob lems and needs of patients provides th opportunity for a richer and more satisfy ing ministry in any kind of illness. Th words of Jesus, "I was sick, and ye visite me," take on a new meaning as Christia faith aids in the recovery of health.

Jefferson and the Sermon

By VIRGINIA VEEDER WESTERVELT

Some ideas about government are based on the teaching of Christ, as a social studies class learned to its surpris

"JEFFERSON'S FIRST INAUGURAL address was a political Sermon on the Mount," Jimmy read to the social studies class. Then he stopped.

"What does that mean?" he asked the substitute teacher.

"This was in the early days of our country," I answered. "Democracy hadn't been tried very long. When Jefferson became president, he tried to share with the people his ideals for government."

Jimmy stared at me as if I were speaking Greek. "I still don't . . ." His voic trailed off.

I TRIED AGAIN. "You see, Jefferson ha great faith in mankind and in huma progress. But he knew that people hav to be taught; they have to learn, slowl how to govern themselves, just as yo have to learn, slowly, how to read an write. Jefferson told the people that eac man had the right to be heard, and th each individual had an important part t

n the government."

"Yeah, I know what you mean about Jefferson," Jimmy said, impatiently. "But what's the Sermon on the Mount?"

It was my turn to stare at him.

"What's the Sermon on the Mount?" I repeated incredulously. "Haven't you heard of the Sermon on the Mount?"

Jimmy shook his head.

Was it possible? A sophomore in high school! I turned to the rest of the class. "Will someone tell Jimmy about the Sermon on the Mount?"

Not a hand went up. Twenty-two young faces looked at Jimmy, and they looked at me . . . blankly . . . expectantly.

"Doesn't anyone know where the Sermon on the Mount took place? Who delivered it?"

I couldn't believe the silence.

"On a mountain?" Mac Jones called from the back seat, trying to be smart.

But when I nodded, his jaw dropped. "Well, whaddeyaknow!" he said, quietly.

THEN PETER, A BOY I recognized from our Lutheran Sunday school, turned on Mac. "Don't you know anything?" he said in disgust. And wearily, as if asked to repeat his ABC's, he went on, "The Sermon on the Mount was Christ's famous message to His disciples. Don't you ever go to church?"

"What's it to you?" replied Mac, sullenly.

Quickly, I asked, "How many remember now, hearing something about the Sermon on the Mount?"

Five hands went up. The rest sat there. Some looked sheepish, some indifferent. Out of a class of 22, only five had ever heard of the Sermon on the Mount.

"Is there a Bible in this school?" I asked.

"There's a big old book in the study hall," a girl replied. "I guess it's a Bible."

"Go and get it, will you, please?"

"Now? In social studies class?"

"Yes, Margaret. Now."

She shrugged. "O K."

PERHAPS YOU'LL FIND some familiar words after all, even though you didn't know where they came from. Have you ever heard 'You are the salt of the earth . . . don't hide your light under a bushel . . . turn the other cheek . . . no man can serve two masters?' "

"Those are proverbs, aren't they?" Margaret asked, laying the heavy Bible on my desk. "Like 'A rolling stone gathers no moss.' "

I smiled. "Most of Jesus' words were so important and have become so well known that folks repeat them every day without crediting the source.

"But Jefferson, although some of his critics called him an atheist, had studied the Bible. In fact, he compiled a shorter version of the New Testament, using only the words of Jesus. It's called the Jefferson Bible. And in his inaugural address, he did for the people of this young country what Jesus did for those who listened to the Sermon on the Mount.* He gave them a philosophy and a code by which they might direct their lives.

"He defined the rights of the individual and the function of good government. His was one of the first statements on freedom. He not only believed that the rain fell on the just and the unjust, but he sought equal and exact justice to all men."

"I'm going to read you the Sermon on the Mount," I finished. "Then we'll compare the words of Jesus with Jefferson's political philosophy. We'll see how many of Jefferson's ideas about government were based on the teachings of Christ."

And I began, "Blessed are the poor in spirit . . ."

SYNODS DON'T CHANGE MUCH!

By ALBERT P. STAUDERMAN

Review of activities a century ago reveals that convention faced similar problems as today, but on a different scale

DELEGATES TO THE New York Synod grumbled quite a bit when they were told to be at Hoboken at 6 A.M. to catch the only train that would take them to their annual convention. It meant getting out in darkness to take the 5 o'clock ferry from downtown New York or, worse yet, staying in Hoboken overnight!

That was in 1851, however. Reports of synodical conventions in that year's *Lutheran Observer* indicate that similar problems and concerns troubled synods 100 years ago as they do today, only on a different scale.

CHRISTIAN education was in the forefront of their discussions, for instance. A violent controversy raged throughout the church about the establishment of a college for women (only they called it a "female seminary") at Hagerstown, Md. Many thought that the girls needed Christian education as well as the men.

One emotional proponent wrote, "The interests of your daughters are now appealing to you. Shall they appeal in vain? O no, it *ought* not, it *must* not be!"

Others felt that since women couldn't become pastors, the church had no responsibility for teaching them.

Colleges cost money then, too! Needed for the "female seminary" was a total of $60,000. Of this, $50,000 was wanted for endowment and $10,000 for the purchase of property and running expenses. A gift of $50 would entitle the donor to send one pupil for the entire course free!

Synods helped support some students even at that time, but costs were low! Wittenberg College advertised its year's tuition as $15.60, plus room rent of 5 cents per month. The advertisement added "The steward provides good, substantial boarding for the students at $ per week."

HOME MISSIONS were also in the news. The Pennsylvania Ministerium proudly reported the establishment of the ninth Lutheran congregation in the rapidly growing city of Philadelphia, whose population had reached the half-million mark. The frontier Illinois Synod felt that the church had failed in its duty to plant new missions in the growing cities of the west. "Missions should be planted in all the large towns and cities where we have materials for building up Lutheran churches," they stated, naming St. Louis, Peoria, Davenport and others.

Some synods were overly zealous in their mission program. The Pittsburgh Synod passed resolutions repudiating charges made by the East Ohio Synod that Pittsburgh pastors and people were interfering in the Ohio congregations!

Social questions were not generally discussed at most synods, even though burning issues faced the nation a century ago. Revivalism was in full swing, and almost every congregation of note held an annual revival meeting. Editorially, nine clergymen who attended a fancy dress ball in London were roundly denounced as a disgrace to the cloth. Temperance was a major issue.

CEPTIONAL SOCIAL consciousness was by the Franckean synod, although this was considered by many to be "rad-." Reports on church regulation, the bbath, peace, temperance, Christian ion and slavery "elicited considerable scussion and were all unanimously opted."

According to the reporter, "The synod lt it their duty to assume right positions, countenance all righteous men and sapprove and reject all evil and wrong. the Church does not show the light, no will? If the light of the Church has come darkness, how great is the dark-ss! Let the Church consider her posi-on and mark her bulwarks, lest she fail her duty and become an occasion for umbling to a perishing world."

Benevolence also occupied its usual gh place on synodical programs, al-ough those were days when hymnbooks st $4.20 per dozen. The Virginia nod voted $150 for foreign missions. his provoked an unexpected attack rough the columns of *The Observer*, in hich the synod was charged with cov-ousness and stinginess "although they e no worse in these respects than other utheran bodies." Virginia ably defended s home and foreign mission work, but least a ripple of interest stirred in the hurch toward increasing its gifts to hers.

RELATIONS WITH OTHER bodies were scussed. The Ohio Synod was disturbed cause no other synod took the trouble send a fraternal delegate to its conven-on. The Tennessee Synod refused to seat the fraternal delegate from Virginia, because of slurs which the Virginia Synod had cast 20 years previous upon the standing of Tennessee pastors.

The Synod of Pennsylvania proposed the establishment of "official relations of amity with our Moravian brethren, who are better Lutherans than some of us."

Hymnals have increased in price, but subscription to church papers have not kept pace. A year's subscription to the *Lutheran Observer* in 1951 cost $2 for 52 weekly issues! In addition to news and essays on religious topics, readers found helpful hints for housekeepers, facts for the curious, market reports, advice about agriculture. Editorials included topics about the call to the ministry, and discussions of the newly planted "Old Lutheranism" which had established itself in Missouri, Indiana, and other sections of the midwest (forerunner of the present Missouri Synod). The editor noted that it was marked by bigotry and semi-Romanism.

LIFE WAS A LITTLE HARDER for synodical delegates in those days. Conventions were often held in out-of-the-way places and continued without a break from sunrise to sunset. Virginia Synod delegates were told to attend a prayer meeting at sunrise each day, and to be present for the concluding vespers at 7:30 each evening! Offerings taken from the delegates at synod were the chief source of income for many projects, especially in the field of home missions.

But all that happened in 1851!

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DR. RALPH SOCKMAN says some people, in their relation with the church, are like the Scotsman "who wishes to show his generosity without being too specific, and therefore put into his will a bequest of £500 to the widow of the Unknown Soldier."

HAPPINESS IS DOING WHAT REALLY COUNTS

By RICHARD T. SUTCLIFFE

Esther Brose came to Baltimore to visit the Motherhouse, but stayed on when she found what real joy the diaconate offers

ONE ENVELOPE IN THE STACK of mail piled high on Sister Martha's desk was just a little different from the others; it seemed to be deliberately attracting her attention. Too, there was something familiar about the handwriting . . .

Like all the others, the letter was addressed to:

Sister Martha Hansen
Directing Deaconess
Baltimore Motherhouse
2500 North Avenue
Baltimore, Maryland

Unlike the others, it was addressed in longhand (it could hardly be a bill, therefore, even though it was the tenth of the month). In the second place, the letter paper was blue, so it wasn't business correspondence or a pastor's request for information about the diaconate.

Then, she saw the thing that rang the bell in her memory: the Canadian stamp!

"A letter from Esther Brose!" The words were out before Sister Martha realized she'd said them. Quickly, she tore the envelope open, pulled the neatly folded note paper from its place . . . and began reading:

"DEAR SISTER MARTHA," it started innocently enough. "I'm not certain I've made any decision yet, but I need a rest and a change of scenery. Enclosed, you'll find my application blank for admission to the church secretary's course which is offered by the deaconess training school. I'll probably stay until Christmas. That'll give me a chance to see what the school is like."

There were more sentences that explained that Esther was planning to leave Deep River, Ontario, around Sept. 30, that she'd arrive in Baltimore the next day and do her best to catch up with the other students. Again, the gentle but firm reminder . . . "I'm planning on staying until Christmas."

That was last June!

Last week, Esther Brose sat in the lounge of the Baltimore Motherhouse and told me her story of BEFORE and AFTER the episode of last June. Now a candidate for the diaconate, Esther has almost forgotten her intention of "going back home by Christmas." She had reached a decision to stay before Thanksgiving. But that's ahead of the story related last week.

WHILE ATTENDING grade and high schools in Pembroke (Ontario), Esther Brose was an average schoolgirl . . . liked her classics, enjoyed Latin and math, disliked history and took her piano playing and musical courses semi-seriously.

At the close of high school, she went to Ottawa Normal School, not "so much because I wanted to teach; I just wanted something to do that was worthwhile until I could really find myself." For three years after that, kids attending grade three in the Pembroke public schools called her "Miss Brose."

Then, World War II brought a change of scenery in and around Pembroke as the Canadian government reopened the Petawawa Military Camp 10 miles away. Offered a "decent-paying job" Esther vacated the classroom for a typewriter in

THER BROSE (seated) tries on paper hats ade for recent Baltimore Motherhouse "cir- s" as Sister Arlene Shumaker and Catherine umphries suggest a more perky angle

e officers' club. Within a year, she had come accountant.

Then, Canada's atomic town, Deep iver, mushroomed only a short distance way. Even more attractive administra- ve posts were available. Esther, never ne to turn down opportunity for improv- g her financial status, applied for and ot a job as receptionist in the housing evelopment project of Deep River.

"The job was fun, although sometimes ou wondered if it was all worth it! Peo- le would call you up at all hours of the ay and night wanting to know 'how high oove sea level is Deep River?' 'What me is it now?' or 'My child just swal- wed some paint; do you think I should ive him some turpentine?'"

ALTHOUGH SHE PUT IN LONG hours ach day, her job didn't really command all her energies . . . "for relaxation, as well as for the satisfaction I got out of it, I put a lot of spare energy into Luther League work!"

Once she put more than energy into a project. It was the spring of 1946. At an executive committee meeting of Leaguers, a Canadian pastor made the comment "what we need is a good summer camp!" "At first," Esther says, "I thought 'here's where I come in!' because we'd been saying that for years! But then one of my friends and I had an idea . . . we'd put our minds and wills to work, get such a camp started and promise to underwrite any losses suffered the first year!"

The two girls had no losses the first year ("We were lucky!") and Lutherlyn, located on a Boy Scout camp site, has been growing ever since. Starting out with 36 campers in '46, last summer found 60 enrolled for the 10-day camping period.

By early 1950, however, Esther was beginning to feel an inner urge . . . "something wasn't in its proper place. My brother (Pastor Harold Brose, of Conestogo, Ont.) kept saying, 'Look, Sis, why don't you get into full-time church work where you'll be *really* happy?'" Miss Marjorie Uffelman, a graduate of the Baltimore school, had urged her to "visit the Motherhouse and see what the school's like."

But then there were other friends (?) who, misunderstanding the diaconate and likening it to the Roman Catholic sisterhoods, put on their most horrified looks, lifted collective sets of eyebrows and chided her with *"YOU* go into the diaconate? What in the world's gotten into you!"

The final straw came while on a short vacation. Her office called her to "come back and get things straightened out; we can't get along without you!" Resolutely, Esther sat down to write the note on blue

letter paper: "Dear Sister Martha, I need a rest . . . I'm paying the Motherhouse a brief visit . . . will probably stay until Christmas!"

"SISTER MARTHA often teases me about 'which Christmas' I meant when I wrote that note," Esther said last week. "Even *I* can laugh about it, for I hadn't been here long before I realized it was going to be hard leaving!

"There are a lot of reasons why I've decided to enter the diaconate: foremost, it's the feeling of belonging to a big family of friendly people who are interesting as well as being interested in you. The classes are really stimulating, too . . . I guess I'm just hungry for the things they teach you. I'm teaching (while studying) at St. Paul's Church here in Baltimore. This gives me a chance to work with young people and offers me an opportunity to see how well I might like to become a director of religious education.

"I'll probably go back to Canada when I'm through my studies. The Motherhouse feels we Canadians should be permitted to go back, but it really doesn't make any difference to me. It's so much fun working with the sisters; besides I feel that what I'm doing is a lot more important than sitting behind a telephone advising distracted mothers on the use of turpentine!"

Aside from a sense of consecration, I wanted to know what Esther's major objectives were now that she was sold on the deaconess training.

"Every chance I get, I'm going to tell young women what the diaconate is *really* like. More people ought to be made aware of the fact that deaconesses are human beings and that you can be a lot happier doing something that really counts!"

THE FRUITS OF DISCIPLINE

THE HIGHWAY we travel so frequently into town passes through one of those beautiful peach orchards for which our section of South Carolina is noted. It is always fascinating to watch the laborers hauling in the filled baskets of richly colored choice peaches, ripe for the market in late June.

But before the laborers gather the fruit in June, they must prune and treat the trees for borers and other insect pests in January.

Nearer town beside the highway is another orchard. It is abandoned now, though one readily observes that the trees are not nearly as old as those in the orchard back up the road. The owner didn't seem to plan his routine very well. He only thought of the harvesting and overlooked the pruning and treating.

Cutting away the surplus branches and applying the odorous chemicals in January is not so pleasant as picking peaches in June. But these are essential factors in planning for a rich harvest.

And so with life. "For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant; later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it."

—J. MILTON FRICK

...e Gospel for the Third Sunday after ...inity is written in Luke 15:1-10

"...NOW THE BIBLE" SERIES by PHILIP R. HOH

ONE OF THE THINGS about Luke's Gos- ...t that makes people love it is the way ...hows Jesus' sympathy for the outcast. ...ke shows us the warmth of Jesus' love ...making it very clear that "while we ...re yet sinners, Christ died for us."

From the beginning of this Gospel to ...end we have a consistent picture of the ...going love of God. In an early chap- ...(4th) Luke takes us to Peter's house ...Capernaum. It is evening. The sun is ...ing. Jesus and Peter, after long hours ...the synagogue, are relaxing in the cool ...the twilight. From out of the dusk ...ople begin to appear.

Some are limping. Some are on ...tches. Some are blind and have to be ... Some are mentally sick. Some are ...ysically sick. Some are spiritually sick. ...l have come in hope to Jesus.

As the shadows deepen, Jesus goes to ...ch one, puts his hands on the sick, talks ...the troubled, forgives the sinful, loves ...em all.

IN ONE OF THE LAST CHAPTERS of the ...spel (23rd) Jesus is shown on the ...ss. On either side of him hangs a sin- ...r. One recognizes himself to be a ...ner and asks for help. To him Jesus ...ys, "Today you shall be with me in ...radise."

All through Luke's Gospel we find the ...me thing. Jesus is a friend of sinners. ...e heals a leper, then 10 more. He eats ...nner with Levi, who is a tax-collector ...r the Romans, and therefore despised ...the Jews. A man begging at the way- ...de is cured of blindness. A sinful ...oman, tears streaming down her face, washes Jesus' feet. When someone complains that he does not dismiss her, Jesus defends her action and forgives her (*Read* Luke 7:36-50).

All these people, and many others, were outcasts in Jewish society. Always Jesus was sympathetic. They who had no other friends found him a friend. He never turned away. He never crossed the street to avoid them. He never pointed at them and laughed. He never held them up for scorn. He loved them.

IN LUKE'S GOSPEL, chapters 15 to 19 seem to be a special collection of incidents concerning Jesus' relations with the outcasts of society. He was their favorite, and he perhaps felt more at home with them than with the Pharisees and the others who were socially established and religiously snobbish. It seems a contradiction, but I think it's true that often the people whom nobody cares to love are really the most lovable.

Christianity has always had its greatest appeal among the poor and lonely, the sin-sick and downtrodden. The cream and good milk of society need it every bit as much as the skimmed, but the latter is usually more appreciative.

It is extremely interesting to notice that those who were not acceptable in the eyes of the religious leaders, those who were considered to be too evil to associate with, those who were the kind from which good people try to stay away—that those were the ones most interested in understanding Jesus' seemingly impossible demands for a perfect life.

One thing that drew such people to

Jesus and made them willing to change completely their living-habits was that in him they found what they could not find anywhere else: love. He taught them that they were wanted. They were important to God. He gave them the feeling of being accepted. They could have equal social standing in God's Kingdom. He made them realize that even they were "just a little lower than the angels."

(I wonder if I were to describe these people in modern terms whether some of us would not be shocked to find such words in a church magazine. They are the outcasts of our society too. There are many similarities between the attitudes of some of us and the scribes and Pharisees of Jesus' time.)

JESUS WAS CRITICIZED not so much for preaching to these people as for being too friendly with them. "A man is known by the company he keeps," goes an old saying.

It was because of this criticism that Jesus told three parables. All three belong together, although Sunday's lesson presents only the first two. The three are: the parables of the *Lost Sheep, Lost Coin, Lost Son.* The third is usually called the *Prodigal Son.*

The picture of the shepherd, searching through the brushlands for his lost sheep, has long been a favorite. I saw a painting one time which I shall not forget. It showed the shepherd, obviously tired from the search, bleeding from cuts and scratches he had received during the hunt. He was completely played out, looked a wreck. But in his arms was a little sheep, innocent of all the trouble it had caused. On the shepherd's face was a smile so big that you just couldn't help loving the shepherd yourself and sharing his joy with him.

The point of these parables is that God searches out the lost. He searches for the sinner even before the sinner is repentant and even though the sinner may not be repentant. He searches though it may take a long time—and even a cross.

There is a poem by Francis Thompson which pictures God as *The Hound of Heaven* patiently and persistently tracking down the fleeing sinner. The sinner, hearing the footfalls behind him, runs all the faster. In the end he is overtaken and discovers he was running from the very thing he was seeking, the security and love of God.

THE WOMAN WHO LOST a piece of silver illustrates the same point as the other parables. That coin is precious to her. The impression is that those coins are her life's savings. She searches every corner, no matter how dark or obscure, until she finds it. So God searches for the sinner. (Perhaps men are God's life's savings.)

In the parable of the Lost Son there is the parallel point. The father goes out to both sons. He meets his obviously lost son as the young man is coming home. He has to convince this one that he is still regarded as a son. The other son has to be entreated by his father to find a better attitude toward his brother.

These three parables illustrate God's way with the sinner. Jesus used them to show his critics that what he was doing in associating with such people was not his own peculiar way of doing things, but the way God does things. When they criticized him, they criticized God.

The Pharisees found themselves in the role of the elder brother in the third parable. Jesus was telling them, as the father told the elder son, that they should have a better attitude toward their wayward brothers.

God works hard. Thank God that he does, or we should all be lost.

ersonal Problem Clinic

PTA

QUESTION: A few months ago I was gged to a PTA meeting by a neighbor. I came somewhat interested, but at the last eting I became disgusted because we spent much time on a discussion about buying piano and paying for curtains. It seems to that there are so many more important ngs that a parent-teacher association ought take up. Just what is a PTA good for?

REPLY: PTA's are just what parents and teachers make them. As a rule there has to be a certain amount of fund-raising, for many of the needed services require money. The matter of equipment-purchasing, however, sometimes goes far beyond what is justifiable. Sane limits should be observed.

There can be many opportunities for co-operation between parents and teachers. An association may well serve as a friendly, helpful critic of the school system. It should make no pretense at performing the functions of the school board. It cannot control the curriculum, but at times it can make suggestions if certain needs are apparent or changes are needed. Some associations have done a fine work in providing for underprivileged children necessities parents could not furnish.

Parents and teachers can work together happily if they respect one another, are open and honest, welcome suggestions from one another, and recognize the proper limits of their statements and acts. Together they can plan for school trips, lunches, after-school play, parties, clubs, and inter-racial relations. These matters will be best handled if well-chosen ideas from parents and teachers are used.

omance by phone

QUESTION: Tom is just 15, but he seems have the "come hither." Several girls call m on the phone every evening. On Saturday there are more. This is something new r him, and it is making him rather "stuck-." Furthermore, it is taking too much time from his homework. As soon as he gets interested in his work the phone rings.

It is too bad this boy-girl stuff has to start so early. Why can't they wait a while, as we used to do? What can I do to break it up?

REPLY: Parents can't control everything that happens in the lives of their children.

It is regrettable that the boy-girl tie-ups get started so early—and with such violence. But too much interference on the part of parents may do more harm than good. Sooner or later in the teen years the youngsters must begin to take an interest in one another if their lives are to develop normally and happily. The dating activities begin earlier with some than with others. Many of them have their distinct ideas as when dating should begin and how frequently dates should occur—their ideas differ widely. But we cannot control their friendships or attachments to any great extent. We surely cannot make their development fit our preconceived ideas about teen-age romance.

It is likely that Tom will by-and-by learn how to get his work done, and, at the same time, give some time to the girls. You can facilitate this development if you will talk it over with him to plan his use of time—until he can handle the problem himself. Don't overlook the fact that homework is not the only important thing in a young person's life.

Ideas inherited?

QUESTION: Are ideas or beliefs inherited?

REPLY: No. Ideas, beliefs, sentiments, and attitudes are learned in various ways. Since our mental furniture is acquired it cannot be passed on through the germ plasm. Some students once believed that acquired characteristics were inherited, but that belief, on scientific evidence, was discarded several generations ago. It is held today in Soviet Russia only—the scientific view is forbidden by the state.

—EARL S. RUDISILL

Roots of Christian Social Action

The Christian Way. By Sydney Cave. Philosophical Library. 280 pages. $3.75.

"Any discussion of Christian Ethics starts from mistaken premises, if it begins, as so many discussions do, by collecting the sayings in the Synoptic Gospels, grouping them under various headings and then proceeding to 'apply' them to contemporary moral perplexities." This quotation from Dr. F. R. Barry is quoted with approval by Professor Cave who then adds that "the New Testament knows nothing of a 'simple teaching of Jesus' which has only to be systematized to provide the solution of all our problems. Many of our problems receive in the New Testament not only no solution but no attention."

"The contribution of Christianity to the problems of personal character and corporate activity does not lie merely, or even chiefly, in the teaching of Jesus. It lies in the significance of God's action for men in Jesus Christ," writes the author. The grace of God in Christ must receive the twin response of faith and gratitude. Accordingly, we shall derive the inspiration and the directives for Christian ethics. "To know what God would have us do, we need to remember what God himself has done."

Here is an evangelical ethic. Grace and faith are the motives of the Christian life. The voices of Paul and Luther are summoned to proclaim the necessity of grace instead of the law and the primacy of faith above works. The Christian way is "not the way of obedience and service"; it is the way of faith which inevitably issues in love, the highest gift of God.

Although Professor Cave believes the New Testament does not give direct and complete answers to the social and political problems of our time, nevertheless he does not hesitate to discuss what he believes to be the ethical implicates derived from the Christian gospel. With candor and conviction he writes of marriage, parenthood, divorce. In industry he views the failure of capitalism as an opportunity for Christians to aid the development of a planned society. In his discussion of the state he deals with the problem of pacifism and the meaning of freedom.

It is a well-balanced book. The author gives approximately the same space to the method and motives which form the foundation of Christian ethics as he gives to the derivative principles for the social order. He recognizes the importance of Christian social action. "Our recognition of the redemptive nature of His mission," he writes, "ought not to be used as a pretext by those who . . . rationalize . . . saying that only when men are changed can the social framework of society be improved."

This is a clear and practical book for those who would follow the Christian way.

Thiel College GEORGE C. REESE

The Radio Speaks

Mercies Manifold. By John W. Behnken. Concordia. 147 pages. $2.

The 16 sermons in *Mercies Manifold* were delivered by John W. Behnken, president of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, over the "Lutheran Hour" radio network during 1949.

The sermons are definitely radio sermons and have certain features that are an essential part of radio preaching and we would recommend their close study to pastors who are called to do radio preaching. The volume contains encouragement and inspiration to those searching for a better way of life.

The author is one of a group of talented leaders and excellent preachers active in the aggressive work of his synod during the last four decades.

While these messages do not have the intimacies of the sermons Dr. Behnken preaches in parish churches and chapels, they have the genuine appeal of a great leader to his followers and friends.

Allentown, Pa. PHARES G. BEER

llinois Synod Celebrates 100th Anniversary

CLYDE G. STEELE

Treasurer honored for 20 years' service. Eight candidates ordained

"THE HOLY SPIRIT, source of strength and ower for the past 100 years of our synod, the source of power for the new day, the w tasks, the continued witness. Here is ower for tomorrow."

This declaration by President Harmon J. cGuire set the stage for the centennial obrvance of the Illinois Synod meeting in aith Church, St. Louis, May 14-17.

Dr. Franklin C. Fry, representing the nited Lutheran Church in America, brought challenging report on Lutheranism in the orld today as a part of the Tuesday evening rogram observing the Synod Centennial. r. Fry set forth world Lutheranism under e form of our paradoxes: "Confessional nd ecumenical, divided and yet cohesive, rribly wounded yet expanding, wholly given spiritual things, yet contributing to the eace."

Following this picture of the worldwide hurch, Dr. Armin G. Weng presented "One undred Years of Lutheran Progress in linois." The speaker repeatedly emphasized e great contributions made by pastors of sion in the realm of home missions.

SYNOD PAID TRIBUTE to R. L. Fosberg for years of devoted service as treasurer and ejoiced when he announced total receipts assing through his office as $570,925, the rgest amount in the history of the synod. he report of Statistician Clarence Linearger revealed that the baptized memberhip increased 1,161 and the communing embership 705. The percentage comuning was 69.3, the highest in the past five ears. Heading the list for net gains in comuning membership were Ridge, Chicago, 01; Holy Trinity, Elgin, 92; Luther Memoai, Chicago, 78; St. James', Vandalia, 65; esurrection, Franklin Park, 55; Faith, Glen Ellyn, 49; Hope-Epiphany, Chicago, 46; Holy Trinity, Chicago, 38; St. Paul's, Evanston, 36; Our Saviour's, Riverdale, 37. Treasurer Fosberg and Statistician Linebarger were reelected, also Secretary Luther Mueller.

The newly organized St. Timothy's, Skokie, with 100 members, was received into synod, bringing the number of congregations to 151. Synodical Mission Pastor Robert Hooker reported that three other communities had been canvassed and work would begin in one of them at an early date.

Synod voted to include in the budget for three years the sum of $15,000 to complete the library building of the Chicago Seminary at Maywood. This was necessary since CHEY funds were not sufficient in the face of rising costs of construction. The budget adopted for apportionment in 1952 is $9.75 per capita as against $9.00 for 1951.

EIGHT MEN WERE ORDAINED Wednesday evening: William L. Bell, John S. Bremer, William A. Diehl, Ronald H. Lind, John P. Petersen, Delno M. Sahs, Irl C. Schahrer, Milton Whitney. The ordination service was conducted by President McGuire. Participants in the laying on of hands were Dr. Franklin C. Fry, Secretary Luther C. Mueller, Dr. Armin G. Weng, Dr. Ezra Keller, Dr. Robert Fischer, Pastors Clyde G. Steele, K. Bruno Neumann, H. C. Peterson, and Frank C. Hurst.

Recognition was given to the pastors present who had served more than 40 years in the ministry. They are: Dr. John M. Bramkamp 58, Dr. George Beiswanger and Dr. J. Allen Leas 57, Dr. Ezra Keller 56, Dr. T. B. Hersch 52, Dr. E. Luther Spaid 50, Dr. K. K. Olafson 47, Dr. Roger Kaufmann 45, the Rev. H. Wennermark 44, Dr. Clarence E. Paulus 42, Dr. George Lottich 40.

Michigan Adopts High Benevolence Budget

By WALTER M. BRANDT

Synod plans to establish full-time presidency in 1952. Alfred G. Belles is elected

HIGHEST APPORTIONMENT in Michigan Synod history—$10.35 per member—was adopted for 1952 at the synod's 31st annual convention, May 14-16 in Detroit. Preliminary action was also taken paving the way for the election of a full-time salaried president next year.

Elected president for the ensuing year was the Rev. Alfred G. Belles, pastor of Holy Communion Church, Detroit. Other election results were: the Rev. John M. Recher, Three Rivers, vice president; the Rev. Franklin P. Madsen, Detroit, secretary; Mr. Kenneth W. Johnson, Kalamazoo, treasurer; and the Rev. Louis F. Gunderman, Flint, statistician.

Mr. Norman C. Bischoff of Toledo, ULCA's official representative, presented an effective summarization of the whole work of the church in two convention addresses on "The Church Reaching Out." The convention theme, "Let Go and Let God," was developed in a series of seven services under the sub-themes: "In Communion," "In Worldliness," "In Culture," "In Memory of Departed Saints," "In the Gospel Ministry," "In Politics," and "In the Church."

ORDAINED TO THE MINISTRY were two Hamma graduates: Ivan H. Miller and Edward LeRoy Gard. The former is a son of the Rev. Ivan O. Miller, pastor of Messiah Church, Detroit. The service was held in Messiah Church, Pastor Miller preaching the ordination sermon. Ordinand Miller will assume the pastorate of Bethel Church, Cicero, Ind., and Ordinand Gard that of Trinity Church, Hillsdale, Michigan.

St. Timothy's congregation in Oak Park, synod's youngest mission, was received into synodical fellowship. Its pastor will be the Rev. Otto F. Reble who is terminating his ministry at Augsburg Church, Detroit.

New pastors received into clerical membership of synod were: the Rev. Kenneth W. Johnson, pastor of Nativity, Detroit; the

MISSISSIPPI HAS HONORED GUEST
Synod's six pastors with Dr. Fry at recent convention

Max B. Pinkert, pastor of Luther Me- Detroit; and the Rev. Lightner A. Director of the Settlement House of Charities, Detroit.

Special recognition was accorded Pastor er L. Boger for his ministerial service of 34 years in Detroit—5 years at Church, and 29 years at Unity. Or- g Unity in 1922, he has been its only pastor for 29 years. Unity, outstanding for its stewardship record through the years of its existence, recently sold its property and will merge with St. Timothy mission. Pastor Boger will retire.

Synod also paid tribute to veteran Pastor William Eckert of First English Church, South Haven, who is observing the 50th anniversary of his ordination.

Midwest Reaches 88 Per Cent of CHEY Pledges

MARTIN SCHROEDER, JR.

Synod demonstrates faith and courage in meeting challenge of world situation

AT THE TIME OF THE Midwest Synod's convention, synod stood at the top synods reporting cash contributions to headquarters. Eighty-eight per cent pledges had been paid at synod time cash was still reported coming in. In an World Action, according to the cal director, the Rev. Fred Ollendorf, han 75 per cent of the synodical goal 51 had been met.

synod's laymen demonstrated at the annual convention held at St. Peter's n, Hildreth, Nebraska, more courage ith about meeting the future financial nge and obligations of the church than parently some of the pastors. For the me at a synodical convention laymen separate and exclusive session and so eir "lay-sterium" in which they dis- the needs of the church at home and 1 without ministerial interference.

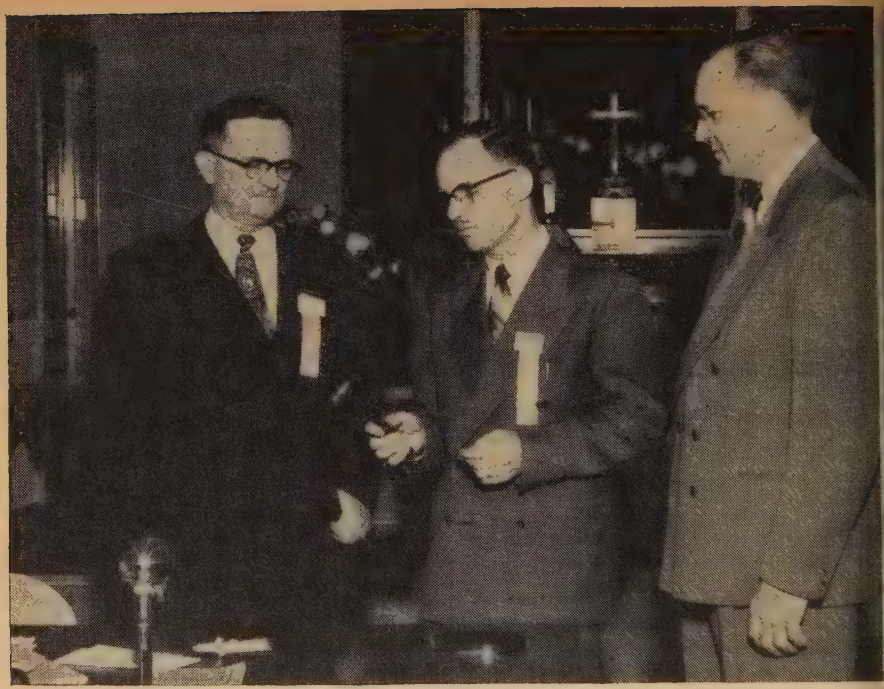
AVERAGE BENEVOLENT giving per com- g member of the synod for 1950 was —nearly $3 above the average for the a.

Midland College, Fremont, Nebraska, like church colleges, is faced by reduced en- ent on account of the national emer- it is running a current operating de- f $17,000. Bernard Beesom, treasurer Midland, gave a comprehensive report. The dark picture of the college's future did not discourage the laymen in standing behind the college in order to maintain its present high standards.

The Tabitha Home, Lincoln, Nebraska, home for the aged and orphans, presented a report showing that the new building erected at a cost of $455,000 and finished in 1950 was now completely paid for. Mr. M. Koolen is the acting superintendent. The board of trustees reported that in view of already appearing shortage of space, a separate home for the workers shall be erected, construction to begin as soon as funds are available. An invaluable asset to the home's administration is the 160-acre farm donated in 1946 by former Congressman Henry C. Luckey, providing the home with meat and dairy products.

Board of Directors of Central Seminary, Fremont, reported the ground-breaking ceremonies on May 6 for the $210,000 administration building with rooms for classes, library, and a chapel. The new Lutheran Students' Center under the direction of the National Lutheran Council on the campus of the University of Nebraska, Lincoln, Nebraska, reported the beginning of their new $80,000 center.

A GIFT OF A congregation and a church, lock, stock and barrel, was presented to the



MIDWESTERN
President F. L. Conrad, President Lorin Wolff, Pastor A. J. Duis

Midwest Synod from the Methodist Church of Nebraska. Credit for this arrangement is due to the energetic efforts of student Roy Wingate of Central Seminary. Mr. Wingate had been during the past several months serving this inactive Methodist church in the community of Ames, Nebraska, seven miles west of Fremont, Nebraska. The people in this community, both Methodist and Lutheran, have accepted the services under Lutheran auspices. The Methodist church has shown great confidence in this arrangement and demonstrated it by deeding the property over to the Midwest Synod.

The question of merger of the Midwest Synod with the Kansas and Nebraska Synods, which received only passing attention and typical treatment in past years, incensed a few laymen who doubted the sincerity of desire for merger on the part of some. The time has come, they felt, when we should place trust in our fellow Lutherans and learn to work under an administration avoi overlapping and duplication of work.

There were 135 pastors and lay dele in attendance at Hildreth, representin congregations. St. Peter's Church, A Duis pastor, are celebrating their golden lee. The present structure of St. Pe Church is a combination of what were two Lutheran churches in this small munity. Under the guidance of Pastor I also a talented craftsman, synod met beautiful church.

THE REV. LORIN J. WOLFF, first full- president of synod, was re-elected to his ond term of three years. The Rev. Ric Jobman, Norfolk, Nebr., was re-elected president; the Rev. Werner Welchert, P lion, Nebr., re-elected secretary; the E. C. Hansen, Lincoln, Nebr., re-el statistician. Another layman was elect the post of synod treasurer. Carl Gro

g., Nebr., replaces Elmer Sasse, who wed to Minnesota.

Rev. John G. Erickson of Scandia, presented the cause of Braille Evan-

Dr. F. L. Conrad, president of the Carolina Synod, was official represen- of the United Lutheran Church in ca. Dr. Conrad inspired his listeners two messages with renewed Christian tion in these times of stress and doubt.

ip Biblheimer of Shenandoah, Pa., a te of Central Seminary, was ordained. accepted a call to Zion Church, Goth-, Nebr. Louis L'Heureaux, Oklahoma Okla., a graduate of Northwestern Seminary, will be ordained in First Church, Oklahoma City, Okla., his home church. In 1952 he will enter the mission field in Japan following additional studies at Yale.

The Rev. Paul Moessner, Hooper, Nebr., was re-elected editor of The *Midwest Lutheran,* monthly publication of synod. The Rev. Warren Churchill, Creston, Nebr., re-elected business manager, and Miss Tillie Krambeck, Papillion, Nebr., again re-elected subscription manager. New clerical members received into synod were: the Rev. Fred Henkel, Great Bend, Kan.; the Rev. Grant Van Boening, Columbus, Nebr.; the Rev. Melvin Peterson, Platte Center, Nebr.

thwest Synod Has 100,000 Members

HARLES A. PULS

Record group of 16 candidates ordained. Sixtieth anniversary celebrated

. Synod of the Northwest, which score years ago numbered 343 mem- nd which now has more than 100,000 brought its 60th anniversary celebra- o a fitting climax of "Thank God" it met in convention May 15-17 in Communion Church, Racine. This it receiving two mission congregations, g 2,122 persons to its rolls, and by ing 16 men to the ministry.

od's two field missionaries, the Rev. Shelhart and the Rev. R. V. Hansen, rganized the missions—Bethel, Little go Lake, Wis., and Atonement, Min- lis, Minn. With two additional mis- ies from the Board of American Mis- four new missions will be born by Of the 136 congregations of the , 35 now have mission status. A num- f appeals came from the floor that n development should include rural President Paul Bishop saw the field that he felt the time had come for pointment of a full-time mission super- dent.

During the year, nine new churches or parish houses had been dedicated. Receipts disbursed by Treasurer W. O. Helwig were pushing $800,000, with the million dollar mark in sight. The intersynodical welfare agencies, operating on a combined budget of a million dollars, had provided care for 1,500 children and 300 unwed mothers. Close to 1,500 DPs had been introduced to American life in Wisconsin and Minnesota. "We have not secularized our welfare work," said Wisconsin welfare director, the Rev. L. O. Gjerde. "We have thought of it as a spiritual ministry to individuals."

Foreign Mission activities received praise and criticism by Dr. W. P. Gerberding, member of the ULC Board of Foreign Missions. "The Epiphany Appeal for Phebe Hospital raised only $1,600 in our synod because less than half of the parishes asked for the excellent promotional materials." Commenting on missionary personnel furnished by the Synod of the Northwest he said, "We have sent many missionaries into foreign fields, but they have not stayed. We need men who

will stick. We need hoary heads as well as students." Six congregations within the synod are supporting Missionary Gordon Lindemann in Liberia, Africa.

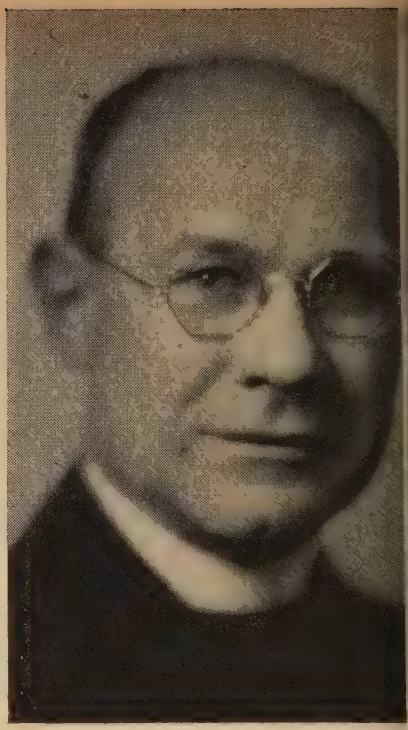
By the time Lutheran World Action and the Christian Higher Education Year appeal came up for discussion, a blistering sun had compelled the pastors and lay delegates to remove their coats—interpreted by many as a symbol of what had to be done if the combined goals of 1951 were to be reached. CHEY Area Director W. Carl Satre added what steam he could to encourage 150-200 per cent goal. "If the pledges of our combined LWA-CHEY appeal are met," replied former director Paul L. Graf, "we will meet the objective." "Success is definitely in sight," reported Director George B. McCreary, stewardship secretary. "We will not stop until we surpass our goal. Personally, I wouldn't trade what LWA has done for the Lutheran church for a million dollars."

Dr. Otto K. Jensen, lay member of the Executive Board, presented the general causes of the church.

"Now is the time for all United Lutherans to come to the formation of a Lutheran college in Wisconsin," declared the Rev. C. H. Zeidler. His appeal resulted in the formation of a five-man committee. "We all love Carthage, but we cannot induce our young people to go there in numbers we want. We believe they will attend a college closer home."

Two of the convention's highlights took place around banquet tables. The seminary alumni banquet featured a stirring talk by Missionary Douglas Erickson, China, which left the belief that though the Lutheran missionaries had been driven out, the church they planted was still there.

The other noteworthy feature was the return of Dr. Richard H. Gerberding, now executive secretary of the ULC's Board of American Missions. He had been baptized as a child in one of the charter congregations of the synod, and for over 20 of the synod's 60 years he had been the synod's president. His anniversary address was one of those



Northwest Synod President
Dr. Paul E. Bishop

"I Remember Those Laymen" talks a personalities who had served in various gregations and in the general work. The included lawyers, dentists, kind-hearted b ers, housewives, teachers, feed-store owr sand and gravel proprietors—living dead, who had been like the good grc into which the sower's seed had fallen.

The "Thank God for 60 Years" th was felt throughout the sessions. Stre by Dr. W. P. Christy, senior of the sy who served as chaplain; presented form in addresses by Dr. Jonas Dressler, the James Bartsch, Dr. W. H. Gable and Robert P. Roth; and climaxed in the ord tion of the "largest class" of 16 ordina following Pastor W. H. Clement's ser on "Speak a Good Word for Jesus," synod geared itself with resoluteness to to match the record in the years ahead.

sion Increase Delights Pacific Synod

AUL W. FUNK

Fifteen congregations organized in decade. ULCA meets at Seattle in 1952

e "PARADE OF MISSIONS" took the spot-
at a special home mission night service
during the 51st annual convention of
acific Synod. Pastors and lay delegates
the 15 missions that had been estab-
in the past decade stood before the
f St. James' Church, Portland, Oregon,
a brief history of each of their con-
tions reviewed by the Rev. John L.
er and Dr. L. H. Steinhoff, past and
nt presidents of the synod.

m the mission established at Sitka,
a, in 1941, to the "triplet" congrega-
that were received this year, the saga
ssion development in the Pacific North-
was a story of adventure that filled the
s of all present with thanksgiving to
for what had been accomplished over
ast 10 years. The total communing
bership of these 15 missions is 1,066.
communing membership of the entire
l is 5,858 for 40 congregations.

RANGE AS IT may seem, THE LUTHERAN
d the most stir in the discussion of the
budget of the synod. A proposal was
that synod underwrite a subscription to
LUTHERAN for every confirmed home
sented throughout the congregations.
was later changed to the home of each
nuning member. In the final adoption
e budget this plan was rejected on the
nds that it would make the per capita
rtionment more than $12 per com-
ng member, while $11.50 was consid-
the very maximum that the churches
l meet. In the final adoption of the
00 budget the per capita was just a
under the $11.50 mark and is among
ighest apportionments in ULCA synods.
yman Alvin Randall, St. Mark's Church,
n, Oregon, made a plea to the lay dele-
to do something about men's work in
the local congregations. Synod is planning to put its Brotherhood program back on its feet by holding a mass meeting of men from all the churches in synod. Each church was assigned a quota of men for this rally.

A VERY SIGNIFICANT CHANGE was made in the constitution of the synod, placing the responsibility for the administration and mission program in the hands of an 11-man synodical board. This new board replaces both the executive committee and the home missions committee whose functions under the old constitution overlapped in a great many respects. The new board will consist of the three executive officers of synod, the presidents of the two conferences, one pastor and two laymen from each conference.

The practice of licensing men on a temporary basis to serve congregations in an emergency was pointed out as a problem that should have a thorough airing. The constitution committee recommended that the practice be done away with in 1952.

Dr. F. Eppling Reinartz, present as representative of the ULCA, was able to give the synod the picture of the church at large and the work of the boards and agencies. He also prepared the heart of the synod for the responsibilities and joys in playing host to the 1952 convention of the ULCA, to be held in Seattle. This will be the first convention held on the Pacific Coast and represents a great boon for the western church.

Dr. Alfred W. Young, president of the Board of Trustees of Midland College, spoke at the banquet on Wednesday evening. Beautiful new Central Lutheran (ELC) Church was the scene of the dinner. Among those who brought greetings to the convention was the Hon. Dorothy McCullough Lee, Portland's woman mayor. Chaplain at the convention was the Rev. A. M. Knudsen, secretary of the Board of American Missions.

Rocky Mountain Synod Elects Full-time Presider

By OLIVER F. WEAVER

Two new missions, seven new pastors received. $12 apportionment adop

A FULL-TIME PRESIDENT will now serve in the Rocky Mountain Synod. This was the unanimous decision voted, after months of study and three hours of discussion, at the convention held May 15-17 in Canon City, Colorado. Elected to the office is the Rev. John F. Futchs, pastor of Trinity Church, Boulder, Colorado.

Growing mission fields and increasing duties of the office make it impossible for a pastor efficiently to carry on his own work and also that of synod.

Two new missions were received at the convention—two others will soon be organized. Bethlehem Church of Los Alamos and St. Paul's of Alamogordo, both in New Mexico, are the newly organized congregations.

Six ULC pastors were received by transfer and one Latvian DP pastor.

REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE ULC was F. Eppling Reinartz, secretary, who not reported on the work of the church stressed the missionary story with a zeal captured his listeners.

Returned missionary from China, the Douglas Erickson, told of his experienc trying to carry on the work in the C munist-controlled land.

An apportionment budget of $12 per c muning member was adopted for the year. An emergency grant of $500 was v to Midland College.

Officers elected were: President, the John F. Futchs; vice president, the L. C. Soker; secretary, the Rev. John Eastlack; treasurer, Oscar C. Samuel; tistician, the Rev. F. A. Daehling; histor Dr. R. B. Wolf. Dr. Oliver F. Weaver re-elected editor of The *Rocky Moun*

ROCKY MOUNTAIN'S FIRST FULL-TIME PRESIDENT GETS GAVEL
President Futchs, Dr. Reinartz, Pastor Johnson and Pastor Burns

for the eighteenth successive time. synodical Brotherhood held its con- sessions May 15 with an address by an F. Feucht, a prominent banker e layman of Lutheran Men of .

synodical Women's Missionary So- eld its convention concurrently with with the Rev. Douglas Erickson, re- missionary to China, as the chief .

n sermons were given by Pastors B. Hull and Robert Grefe. Host pas- Rev. Joseph W. Peterson, presided ag all-synod banquet, with Secretary F. E. Reinartz as the guest speaker.

President Lyle Burns in his report to the 60th anniversary convention pointed out some of the blessings at the "Half Century and Ten" milestone. In the past five years the communing membership of the synod had increased by 80 per cent. "It took the Rocky Mountain Synod 55 years to acquire 2,224 communicants while in the last five years we have been blessed by 1,775 accessions. Truly God has placed us in one of the most fertile fields in the world for the Gospel. Let us pray for strength to be worthy of our opportunities and for 'men to match our mountains.'"

as Synod Reviews 100 Years of Activity

MES F. VORKOPER

ebate about full-time presidency enlivens sessions. Field missionary ordained

NTURY of Lutheranism in Texas was d at the sessions of the Texas Synod year-old Trinity Church in Victoria, on May 15-17. The synod started wen pastors in 1851 in a Presbyterian in Houston and vigorously sought to he scattered Lutherans in Texas. To- numbers 31 congregations (the 31st . James', Houston, added at this ses- synod), but its children are many In the years 1895 and 1913 serious occurred in synod. Each time many were enticed over into apparently pastures of the old Iowa Synod and eir sheep with them! Iowa Synod did e a single congregation in Texas in After the schism of 1895 it had nearly re congregations.

editor of THE LUTHERAN, Dr. G. Ruff, represented the United Lutheran . He pointed out that synod should its giving.

synod may be likened to the battery, rch to the engine of an automobile," "Money from the synod starts the church operating and without the recharging services of the church, the synod soon becomes impotent." He pointed out that the Texas Synod founded 10 mission churches from 1920 to 1930, only one from 1930 to 1940, and three from 1940 to 1950. He declared that the synod is in a most favorable position for new mission work in this present decade.

Addressing the evening service, Dr. Ruff described the church's home and foreign policy. He likened the church to a city of refuge in the Old Testament. "People are scared these days," he said. "The church is a place of refuge to which people may flee when danger threatens."

HE POINTED OUT THAT Christianity is not a one-way street, however. We go to the haven of refuge, but when danger is past, we again go out to the field of labor and harvest to meet the needs of men."

Other visitors attending the celebration of the anniversary were the Rev. N. Roth, president of the Texas District of the Amer-

HELPED CELEBRATE CENTENNIAL
Editor Ruff, Pres. Speaker, Pres. Keisler of Central Seminary, Pastor Schedler

ican Lutheran Church; the Rev. H. O. Ziehe, who gave a history of the early beginnings of Lutheranism in Texas; and two grandsons of Pastor C. A. Sager, one of the founders.

President Lewis P. Speaker preached the opening sermon as sessions began with a communion service. He noted that the pastor of the Victoria congregation was one of the organizers of the synod. The second convention met in Victoria.

The Rev. Carl F. Schneider, St. Luke's, San Antonio, in the ministry 25 years, took part in the ordination of his son, Richard C. Schneider, a graduate of Carthage College and Northwestern Seminary. He has been called to become synodical missionary to serve the new field at Garland, near Dallas. The Rev. J. C. A. Pfenninger, George West, who will retire this year, preached the sermon.

A BANQUET WAS SERVED by the Ladies' Aid Society of Trinity Church in honor of the 100th anniversary. Pastor J. M. Schedler was toastmaster and introduced the sons of the synod who are now serving on the f They are Pastors J. C. A. Pfenninger, J W. Kern, Nathanael Kern, Edwin J. Oel D. I. Dolton, Walter L. Lentz, Philip Wahlberg, Jr., and Richard Schneider.

Mrs. C. H. Warner, president of the odical Women of the Church (form WMS), was the Austin delegate, the woman delegate in the history of synod. attempt made some years ago to se woman delegate was not successful. N ing was said on the floor of synod this t

Synod made a net gain in baptized m bership, confirmed and communing meml Totals are 9,848 baptized members, 7 confirmed members, and 5,608 commu Property valuation still is in the million lar class with $1,389,104 total. Synod $62,690 for all benevolences in 1950, a over 1949 of $16,782. Treasurer C. Warner announced a gain of $6,000 in ular synodical apportionment over 1 CHEY Director F. E. Eilers reported synod will reach its 100 per cent quot

of the campaign. Of the $33,500 ...062 has been paid.

...G AND HEATED DEBATE about a full-...ident enlivened the closing hours ... convention. Time was extended and ...rnoon session held to finish the debate. ...ion was lost by a narrow margin to ...h a full-time presidency for synod be-... in 1952. However, synod voted to ...he matter for another year and vote ...he 1952 convention. Dr. Speaker's ...ear term will end in 1952.

...ly elected vice president is N. H. ... Grace Church, Houston. Secretary ... Schneider, Treasurer C. H. Warner ...tatistician August Meisner were re-... to office. The Rev. J. M. Schedler ...r. Harry T. Pitts continue on the ex-... committee.

E. Bryan Keisler, president of Central ...ary, reported one of the most success-...rs in the school's history and a large increase in enrollment for 1951-52. The Rev. A. H. Pinkall, Omaha, representing Midland College, indicated some of the wartime problems now facing the college. The Rev. Louis H. de Freese served as convention chaplain. THE LUTHERAN was represented by Mr. C. A. Bongarzone who encouraged the congregations to push the "Synodical Plan" this coming winter.

Miss Alice Otterness, NLC student director at the U. of Texas, Austin, and the Rev. Thomas H. Swygert of Texas A. & M., explained their work.

The Rev. J. M. Schedler was re-elected editor of *The Texas Lutheran.*

Dr. William F. Kraushaar, president of the Texas Lutheran College, Seguin (ALC), said that 20 ULC students were at the institution.

Synod voted a budget of $46,171 for 1952, $4,000 larger than 1951. The permanent mission loan fund now totals $12,000.

...me Missions Discussion Stirs West Virginia Synod

...AROLD L. HANN

...dget increase will maintain mission stations. K. W. Munster elected president

...EN THE Synod of West Virginia held its ...annual convention at Jackson's Mill ...onth, the chairman of the committee ...ne missions was its prophet. Dr. W. P. ... Clarksburg, the congenial home mis-... chairman, introduced his report. "I ...ady to speak about the work of this ...ittee other than which there is no more ...g question." He was right. It gen-... the most heat. It fairly sizzled. The ...t part of the issue was who should ...uate the committee's purse strings.

... matter was resolved by placing home ...ns as a totally separate item on the ...ical budget, apportioning 83 cents per ...icant for its work. With this sum ...ission stations will be maintained, ...g the mission pastor's salary $100 per annum until a minimum salary of $2,700 and parsonage are reached, and surveys will be made at several other points. The Rev. Paul O. Hamsher is to begin work with the ULCA American Mission Board in St. Albans, 10 miles from Charleston, the state capital, Aug. 1.

The Rev. Kenneth W. Munster, Huntington, was chosen president of synod. He succeeds Dr. George W. Schillinger, Charleston, who had served three one-year terms, and at this session was elected a member of the Executive Committee. Pastor Munster had served previously as synodical secretary for 18 months. Synod chose the Rev. B. B. Maurer, St. Clara, as the new secretary. Mr. H. L. Shelhamer, Morgantown, was re-elected treasurer.

HANDING OVER THE GAVEL
*New president takes office in West Virginia Synod**

IN SPITE OF THE HEAT of argument within the meeting hall, a building which had housed the state's exhibit at the Century of Progress, and the temperature's soar high into the 80's outside, the peace and beauty of the lovely 4-H Camp at Jackson's Mill together with the fellowship evolving from the mingling of delegates to the synodical Missionary Society with the delegates to synod restored harmony and unity.

Dr. Abdel R. Wentz, Gettysburg Seminary president, addressed the combined conventions on Whitsunday evening, picturing the work of the Holy Spirit in operation today in the life of the church through consolidation, expansion, and penetration. Dr. Karl W. Kinard, ULCA representative, spoke of discipleship in terms of men, mind, mercy and means in reviewing the causes of the church.

Reports received on CHEY show West Virginia with three-fourths of its quota paid. LWA is approaching the 50 per cent mark and apportioned benevolences the 30 per cent mark as one-third of 1951 becomes history. Last year synod stood fourth among the 33 synods in payment of apportioned benevolence, gave 105 per cent of its LWA quota.

Six teaching clinics were approved synod this fall. The September confer will spend part of its time considerir year-round program of evangelism.

At next year's convention a new cons tion will be presented for discussion.

AT A JOINT meeting of synod and the odical Missionary Society, Miss Leila Dusen, missionary from India, comp congregations working together in a w wide missionary program to a temple with many candles. "What one home burning separately cannot do to banish d ness," she said, "a temple light with n candles can do."

Miss Frances Dysinger, WMS promc secretary, was also a visitor to the mis ary convention. West Virginia repor growing membership and an awakenec terest in the far-flung work of the ch The unified plan of women's work was cussed.

Elected to office for one-year t were: Mrs. Roy J. Meyer, Edgwood, W ing, synodical missionary president; Wade H. Koons, Parkersburg, vice presi Mrs. Charles G. Aurand, First, Whee recording secretary; Mrs. Earl S. Lee, land, statistical secretary; and Mrs. Neuhaus, Huntington, treasurer.

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* *Treasurer Shelhamer, Dr. Schillinger, President Munster, Secretary Maurer.*

CALIFORNIA

500 Laymen Rally May 20

A WARM SUNDAY AFTERNOON last (May 20) 535 laymen of the Cali- Synod gathered in Glendale Civic Au- m for the second meeting of the Com- of 1,000. Theme was "Accent on with special emphasis on the synod's g program at Camp Yolijwa directed Rev. John Foerster. The rally was red by the Brotherhood of the South- nference. Robert Cummings, member ity Church, Pasadena, presided. Par- ts included the Rev. Ross Hidy, pastor Michael's Church, Berkeley, Director er and Synod President James P. n.

ongregation No. 4 of the current syn- al year has been organized at Santa . Organization took place May 20 under dership of Mission-developer Raymond kel. It appears that eight new missions ll be organized during the current year.

SIDENT BEASOM recently returned from to Hawaii to confer with Islands pas- eports "fine growth." On the island of where the Rev. Thomas Allport is , a parish worker is needed to meet allenge of the area. Honolulu Luther- nd Pastor Edward Hamme are con- ating a building program. The Rev. ilin Swanson, organizer of three Cali- Synod missions, this summer takes he work started by the Rev. Everett n, who returns to the States (*see Vir- News, page 47*).

THREE SEMINARIANS will be ordained in synod this month. On the 10th at St. Mark's Church, San Francisco, Seminarian Albert Hidy and George Atwood will be ordained. Student Hidy is a graduate of Philadelphia Seminary, Student Atwood, a graduate of Hamma Divinity School. The former has been called to Epiphany Church, San Leandro, the latter to work in Redding and Central Valley.

On June 17 at First Church, Los Angeles, Central Seminarian Charles Clark will be ordained. He has been called to serve as board missionary in the Northern San Joaquin Valley with a trailer ministry.

THE REV. EDWARD N. SPIRER, director of Church Extension of the synod who received a Doctor of Divinity degree at the recent commencement of Midland College, is currently supervising construction of a new church at Manhattan Beach.

ANOTHER PASTOR joins the ranks of those whose congregation has presented him with a new car. The Rev. Charles Smith, St. Luke's Church, Huntington Park, is the recipient of the car, funds for which were raised through contributions of parishioners.

THE REV. WALDO HANSEN, graduate of Central Seminary, arrived on the field June 1 to begin work in the Naples area of Long Beach. He is to develop a new mission in that area . . . TRINITY CHURCH, LONG BEACH, will have the services of a Central seminarian during the coming year.

THE REV. LOUIS MERTZ, Lakewood Church, has been selected to represent synod at the Wittenberg Conference on Marriage and the Family.

part of a group of 69 new members recently received into St. Paul's Church, Albuquerque, xico. Of this number, 11 were adult baptisms, including a young man who had been a er of war in a Japanese internment camp during World War II, a man and wife whose three en were also baptized, an elderly lady of 70 as well as two soldiers from the local air base

THE REV. EDWARD LAMBERT, formerly of Ripon, Wis., is new pastor of St. Paul's Church, Sanger, Calif.

Grace Church, Phoenix, Ariz., has the unique distinction of paying its total benevolence and LWA quota in the first few months of this year.

MT. ZION CHURCH, Yreka, is the happy possessor of a new organ recently installed in their chapel. The Rev. Kenneth Linton continues to serve this field as well as a field at Little Shasta. Northern Conference of the synod will meet in Yreka this fall.

THE REV. CARL V. TAMBERT, pastor of First Church, Glendale, recently visited the meeting of the Pacific Synod as a fraternal delegate from California Synod to bring the greetings of the sister synod and to speak in behalf of Pacific Seminary.

HOWARD L. LOGAN

MICHIGAN

Chapel, Parish House, Dedicated

TWO MICHIGAN SYNOD congregations have dedicated new buildings within the past six weeks.

April 22 marked the day members of Trinity Church, Grand Rapids, dedicated their new $25,000 Fiftieth Anniversary Chapel.

Two large dwellings had to be purchased, then removed, from property adjacent to the church to make room for the chapel. Construction was begun early last year. Participating in the dedicatory service were Synod President Ralph White, and Pastors Lignell and Lazda.

The chapel will accommodate 120 sons, will be used for weddings, and reli services of auxiliary groups. One side nave is a conservatory where tropical and flowers will be continually planted

On May 13, members of Reform Church and their pastor, Dr. Calvin Sti dedicated the new $70,000 parish h Participating in the service was Synod ident White, Pastors William Schaffer A. G. Belles. WALTER M. BRA

NEW YORK

Syracusan Gets Paris Assignm

SYRACUSE—Edith M. Banuski,, of St. and St. Peter's Church, Syracuse, has appointed by the Lutheran World Feder to a three-year term as a parish work the Lutheran Church in Paris, France. had been in the division of American sions of the National Lutheran Counci the past six years.

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, Elmira, held dedication service recently following plete renovation of the nave and narthe

CENTRAL CONFERENCE, meeting re in St. Paul's Church, Liverpool, heard dresses by the Rev. John H. Sardeson, ference president; Mrs. O. A. Sard ULCA representative to NCCCUSA; Dr. F. R. Knubel.

Officers elected were: President, the Frank H. Shimer; vice president, the Norberth H. Stracker; secretary, the Arthur W. Hergenhan; treasurer, Ker B. Doty.

50th ANNIVERSARY CHAPEL
. . . in Grand Rapids

NEW $70,000 PARISH HALL
. . . for Detroit congregation

sion cameras, coaxil cables and earphoned TV cameramen are becoming quite common in of the United States' larger communities. Here, a cameraman from Buffalo's (N. Y.) WBEN- shown training his lens on Dr. Ralph Loew and other churchmen during recent telecast of e held in Holy Trinity Church. Not a few congregations have already been televised

NFERENCE BROTHERHOOD met April 7 t. Tabor Church and elected Arthur ke of Oswego, president. The retreat nittee reported that the annual retreat l be held at Big Moose, Sept. 28-30. kers will be Dr. Martin J. Heinecken, delphia Seminary, and Dr. Ralph W. , Buffalo.

APRIL 22 the first annual Lutheran ty Choral Festival in First English ch featured 150 voices, representing all utheran choirs of the area.

The third annual United Lutheran picnic ll be held June 23, sponsored by the Luheran Society.

CENT SPEAKER at Ithaca church was the William Welmers, recently returned the Liberia mission field.

ARWICK COLLEGE recently held a successful meeting for the young people of the Southern Tier at Holy Nativity Church, Endicott. On the program were Dr. Henry J. Arnold, Hartwick, president; Dr. H. Claude Hardy, director of public relations; and students.

DR. PAUL C. WHITE was the speaker at the annual educational institute for Southern Tier churches held at Redeemer Church, Binghamton. CHRISTIAN P. JENSEN

PENNSYLVANIA

PCSB Conducts Significant Events

PHILADELPHIA—Last week saw two significant events held here under the auspices of the Parish and Church School Board. May 29-31 the regional conference on parish

When the Sunday school of Trinity Church, Manhattan Beach, California, was organized two been operating under the handicap of insufficient housing, ground was broken by Pastor G and adequate Sunday school facilities. "We may look (in the picture) like cliff dwellers," w

education for the eastern synods met in the Muhlenberg Building. To this meeting came representatives of synodical committees on parish education from the Canada, New York, Ministerium of Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Central Pennsylvania, Maryland, West Virginia, Pittsburgh, Slovak-Zion, and Ohio Synods.

On May 30, at the seminary, the Vacation Church School Workshop for the Greater Philadelphia Area was held.

SALEM CHURCH, Frankford, recently elected Miss Evelyn Punchard of Immanuel Church (West Philadelphia) to become its director of education. Miss Punchard will teach this summer at Camp Nawakwa, and begin her duties at Salem in September.

PRESIDENT FRANKLIN CLARK FRY addressed the fifth annual dinner meeting of the Philadelphia Council of Churches April 11. Six hundred churchmen and lay delegates, representing 500,000 Protestants in the city area, comprised his audience.

"THE CONGREGATION Serves Older People" was the subject of an address before the Lutheran Ministerial Association on May 7 by the Rev. Francis A. Shearer, Boar Social Missions.

DR. ROSS STOVER reports that steel been obtained for the erection of the Messiah Church on North Broad street. siah Church has already paid its Luth World Action quota, even while under costly building program.

DR. HENRY W. A. HANSON, presider Gettysburg College, addressed cadets at ley Forge Military Academy April 22.

Commencement services for Philade Seminary were held in St. Michael's, mantown, May 17, with 33 seniors rece B.D. degrees. Degrees were also awarde students in the Graduate School. Dr. E H. Knudten, president of the New J Synod, delivered the address.

THE PHILADELPHIA SEMINARY choir vi the territory of the New York Synod du its recent tour. Twelve concerts were g during the choir's spring schedule, en April 25 with a concert in the seminary.

PASTOR W. CHESTER HILL was elected p ident of the Philadelphia Seminary alu association at their annual dinner mee

d teachers were on the roll; today the list contains 150 names. Although the school has l and members of the congregation recently for a new chapel that will provide comfortable e photograph was taken on an unfinished play court, hence the peculiar background"

Matthew's Church is moving its ge in toward the location of the wn church from the present suburban . The purchase of an $18,500 home East Falls area will bring the parson- a point five miles from the church of the present nine.

even of the 15 new members received t. Matthew's Church on Pentecost were ents of the neighborhood. The trend in bership from suburban to neighborhood ence has been aided during the past years by the Group Work Extension of Lutheran Social Mission Society which nits the congregation to hire a trained er who directs the weekday church l and a Wednesday program of crafts recreation. The downtown church has d this emphasis on social service a dis- aid to neighborhood evangelism.

HERAN World Action reports from iladelphia Conference of the Minis- show better percentages than last peal at the same time. As of May 1, adelphia Conference received $17,578 $1,838 quota. Last year, on the same date, the returns were $9,179. In the German Conference, as of May 1, $4,064 had been received on a quota of $6,732. Last year's similar return on the May 1 date was $3,930.

The Philadelphia Conference Luther League convention met in Immanuel Church May 5, elected George Schmid president.

Camp Whitmer opens June 30 and will run to Sept. 1. The annual Camp Open House will be held July 8.

Redeemer Church celebrated its 60th anniversary May 13-20. Speakers included Dr. Gustavus H. Bechtold, Pastors Lawrence Reese and Claude E. Schick.

ALVIN H. BUTZ, JR.

PENNSYLVANIA

Congregation Waits Hour for Pastor

Wilkes-Barre.—The Rev. Andrew Sommese, St. Peter's (Italian) Church, Philadelphia, was guest speaker recently at one of a series of services at St. John's Church, Wilkes-Barre. Theme of the series was "The

Pastor Gerald Jacoby, C
Member Mrs. Matthew B
Mrs. Edwin Beysher, whos
band served the congre
45 years as pastor, Mrs.
Richards and Judge
Henninger during recent
anniversary of St.
Church, Sayre, Pa.

Story of Protestantism and Its Denominations."

Pastor Sommese, former Roman Catholic priest, spoke to a capacity congregation on the topic, "Truth and Error."

Delayed by fog on the Pocono Mountains, the speaker did not arrive until over an hour after the service was scheduled to begin. Meanwhile, the Rev. Francis R. Edwards, pastor of St. John's Church, gave an impromptu address on the principles of Protestantism as they contrast with the teachings of Roman Catholicism. Just as the benediction was about to be pronounced, Pastor Sommese arrived. The congregation was given the opportunity to leave, but everyone remained for the scheduled address. The service closed after two and one-half hours, and a question and answer period continued until 11 o'clock.

THE ANNUAL CONVENTION of the Wilkes-Barre Conference Luther League was held at Christ Church, Hazelton, May 5.

THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY appeal for $30,000 at St. John's Church, Scranton, began May 14.

DELEGATES to Wilkes-Barre Conference at Trinity Church, Kingston, elected the Rev. William O. Moyer, Scranton, president; the Rev. Richard M. Rutter, Conyngham, secretary; the Rev. Henry C. Kraft, Noxen, treasurer; and the Rev. Paul F. Walter, Pittston, statistician.

THE BLESSING OF THE FIELDS service for conference was held at St. John's Church May 20. Speaker was the Rev. Fred S. Blank.

THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY of St. John's Church, Sayre, was celebrated April 12. The Hon. James F. Henninger, president judge of the Court of Common Pleas, Lehigh Co was guest speaker (*see cut above*).

Two tons of clothing were collected b Wyoming Valley churches recently. A trucking firm donated transportation t Lutheran World Relief warehouse at E

THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY of Zion Ch Dushore, will be celebrated on June Chief speaker will be Dr. Emil E. Fis president of the Ministerium.

OVER 300 WOMEN attended three r meetings of the Conference Women's sionary Society. Miss Frances Dysinger, motional secretary of the ULCA Wor Missionary Society, was speaker, led the cussion groups.

THE ANNUAL PARENTS' CLASS at St. J Church, Wilkes-Barre, was held durin Easter season with a series of four trated talks on the theme, "Facing F Problems as Christians." Family recrea adolescent problems and family wo were among the subjects discussed.

WILLIAM O. M

PENNSYLVANIA

Conference Approves Youth Ca

WILLIAMSPORT—Susquehanna Confe plans to establish a Leadership Tra Camp for development of youth work. istown District, at its recent meetin Reedsville, approved a camp site six east of Reedsville, 13 miles northwes McClure, on the east side of Jack's M tain. It contains 115 acres of ground has plenty of good mountain water avail is improved by a two-story frame dwe and a large bank barn.

camp will be operated by an elected of conference pastors and laymen. elected: President, the Rev. John E. baugh; vice president, the Rev. J. K. secretary, Ausmus Marburger; treas- J. D. Kennedy; and solicitor, Paul rolf, Esq.

The proposed camp will allow for exten- on of Camp Susquehanna and its camping program. As the camp is developed, a pro- ram for Juniors and Leadership Training an be provided, in addition to the Inter- ediate, Senior Camps now held.

WISTOWN DISTRICT recently elected of- President, the Rev. James Shannon; president, the Rev. Donald Raup; sec- y, the Rev. Robert Hale; treasurer, nas Ballinger. Pastors Paul W. De er and Carl E. Yost were nominated ates from the district to the ULCA ention in Seattle, Wash., Max Richer M. E. Schlegel, lay delegates.

HRIST CHURCH, Lewisburg, is observing esqui-centennial.

CANTATE SUNDAY at Zion Church, ury, special recognition was given to all 's choirs. Special folders with all the

Central Ground-breaking

and Mrs. John Niebaum, Fremont (Nebr.) ans who were first donors to Central Semi- s $210,000 chapel-library-office building, first soil as President E. B. Keisler watches

CAMPUS

MUHLENBERG College's commencement speaker will be Dr. Ralph J. Bunche, 1950 Nobel Peace Prize winner, who will also receive the honorary degree of doctor of laws.

MARION College commencement ceremonies will be highlighted with the baccalaureate sermon by the Rev. Melvin S. Lange, of Staunton, Va., the commencement address by Dr. Raymond J. Seeger.

WAGNER College, for the first time in its history, will offer courses leading to the degree of master of arts, when the summer session opens July 2.

CENTRAL Seminary has begun construction of its new $210,000 combination building that will include space for a chapel, library, classrooms, and administration and faculty offices.

CHICAGO Seminary anticipates receiving 40 juniors in its fall class, representing 25 colleges and universities. Largest representation: Carthage College with 12.

SUSQUEHANNA University's faculty will welcome the addition of Bruce Mitchell, one of America's leading artists and art teachers, when he joins the ULC college this fall. Having studied under such artists as George Bridgman, Stuart Davis and Thomas Benton, Mr. Mitchell will offer instruction in art and drawing to students and residents of the college community.

At CARTHAGE College, one out of every five male students plans to enter the ministry. Of the 316 male students, 59 are pretheological men. Of these 51 are ULCA students, from Northwest (20), Illinois (18), Iowa (4), Wartburg (3), California (3), Indiana, Pennsylvania Ministerium and Western Canada Synods (1 each).

HAMMA Divinity School's commencement address was delivered May 20 by the Rev. Tom B. Homrighausen, observing his tenth anniversary of graduation from the Ohio seminary. Nineteen seniors were graduated (see "The Lutheran," May 23).

choir members listed were distributed to members of the congregation as they entered the church. Attention was called to the new method of recognition in the junior choir. Each choir member wears a small wooden cross. In the junior choir the black cord indicated a new member—violet, one year—green, two years—red, three or more.

On May 1, the Rev. C. Wayne Peterman began work as assistant pastor of Z Church, Sunbury.

Early in October Reedsville Church hold a triple celebration. The church, modeled at a cost of $20,000, will be red icated free of debt; the 60th anniversary the founding of the church, and the 4 of Pastor J. K. Robb's ordination will celebrated.

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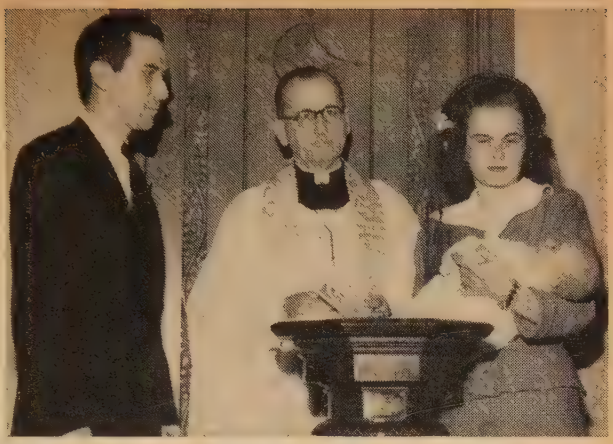
Springfield (Pa.) Bicentennial

Participants in the 200th anniversary of a of Henry Melchior Muhlenberg to Tri Church, Springfield, Pa., were Gettysburg Se nary President Abdel Ross Wentz (left) Pastor Edmund E. Bieber

cent sessions of North Synod, a direct de- of Katherine Von (Martin Luther's wife) ptized. He is Arthur Luther Schuller, son of d Mrs. Reinhold Schul- cown here with Dr. J. l Davis, who performed ptism



VIRGINIA

ans Arlandria Mission Soon

NOKE—A new mission is being planned rlandria, fast-growing Virginia com- y near the nation's capital. The Rev. tt J. Jensen, who has been serving as a l of American Missions missionary in ii, has been assigned to develop the will begin work in the near future.

ACE CHURCH, WINCHESTER, will soon a home for old ladies. A large dwelling villed for this purpose by the late God- Miller. Over $7,000 has been spent for s; some endowment will be provided. e Church also plans to spend $25,000 enovating its church plant.

ADERS at the annual summer assembly lassanetta Springs will include: Mrs. l Sease, women's auxiliaries; the Rev. l Mangum, youth; Dr. Martin Bergen- and Dr. Martin Heinecken, pastors' ol; Dr. Robert D. Hershey, assembly er; Dr. Carl Honeycutt, speaker at ns. Assembly dates are July 23-30.

The Shenandoah Conference Brotherhood ld the largest meeting in its history May J. Lindsay Almond, Attorney General of rginia, spoke to more than 200 men at the otherhood banquet at St. Paul's Church, ndoah.

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James E. Crumley, Guy A. Ritter, Jr., and William Kinser, who graduated from seminaries this year, will be ordained June 10 at Salem Church, Parrottsville, Tenn. The Rev. Paul L. Royer of Bluefield, W. Va., will preach the ordination sermon.

John Grissinger, recent Gettysburg Seminary graduate, is the new pastor of the Shep-

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Albuquerque (N. M.) Farewell

On behalf of members of St. Paul's Chu Albuquerque, New Mexico, Pastor Leeland Soker bids farewell to Esther Barnhart, daug of the congregation who sailed recently on "President Cleveland" to serve as a missio to Japan. Esther's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C Barnhart, are active lay leaders in the Rc Mountain synodical WMS and Brotherhood

DECEASED

Mrs. Frank O. Taafel

Mrs. Mary E. Taafel, wife of the F Frank O. Taafel, of Louisville, Ky., May 3. She was 48.

Born in Newark, Ohio, March 15, 1 she attended Wittenberg College. Follov her marriage to Pastor Taafel, she se with him in pastorates in Ft. Wayne, I and Louisville, Ky. In 1942, Pastor Ta

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ed the chaplaincy; following the death ieir son in a plane crash during the sec- World War, Mrs. Taafel became active e Gold Star Mothers organization.

e was active in the Women's Missionary ty, serving as president of the Ken-

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Tremont (Pa.) Commissioning

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tucky-Tennessee society, as well as on t board of directors of a home for incurabl

Surviving is her husband, chaplain of t Nichols Veterans Administration Hospital Louisville.

The funeral service was conducted Louisville by Pastor Ira R. Ladd, assisted Synod President G. D. Busch and the Re Roger Imhoff. Services at the grave in Ne ark, Ohio, were conducted by the Rev. Danford.

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IN CONCLUSION . . . . . .

I GUESS OUR FATHERS could stand hot weather better than we can. They used to hold their synod conventions in June. After repeated experiences of 500 or 600 people crowded in a church all day for four days, with outdoor temperature running in the 90s, most of our United Lutheran synods are now holding their annual conventions in May.

They can't meet earlier than the third or fourth week of May, usually because they wish to wait until the school year has ended at the theological seminaries. That's so the seminary graduates may be ordained to the ministry during the conventions of the synods.

This year 18 of the 33 ULC synods met between May 13 and 25. Much of the space in THE LUTHERAN this week and next week will be taken by reports of these conventions.

SOMEBODY SHOULD WRITE a first-rate short story about a United Lutheran synod convention. It's the one time in the year when all the pastors, young and old, get a chance to shake hands with one another. About an equal number of laymen are present, some of them not quite sure about what they are getting into, but very much interested.

Our conventions are usually unemotional events, with a few dignified sermons and fervent speeches but most of the time taken up with reports of officers, boards, committees. Delegates feel cheated if there isn't at least one hard-fought debate on some matter of policy, such as whether there should be an assistant secretary in charge of summer camps.

These synods of ours are remarkably independent, but most of them have a strong sense of loyalty to the United Lutheran Church in America. Their income is received through what is called the ap portioned benevolence—of which the send from 50 to 75 per cent to the Unite Lutheran Church treasury for the genera program of missions and education.

You can rate the loyalty of the synod to the ULC according to the amount o their income which goes to the genera treasury. Fifty per cent is low. Seventy five per cent is excellent. The big synod (with 400 to 600 congregations) hav budgets close to a million dollars a year Some small ones (30 to 50 congrega tions), have budgets around $50,000.

Money the synods spend directly fron their own treasuries goes to support co leges and seminaries, expenses of thei own offices (22 of the 33 synods hav full-time officers), local home mission

THE BIGGEST CHANGE which has com in our synods in the last 10 years is th increasing importance of laymen as lead ers. Clergymen still do most of the tall ing in the conventions. There are n many laymen well enough acquainte with all the church problems to take ve active part in the discussions. But the are some, and more every year.

There are of course countless layme who are strongly interested in the affai of their own congregations. But most these are rather passive regarding t work of the church beyond the pari borders. They believe in this work, a give offerings for it. But they have only vague idea of how it is actually done.

We need thousands of laymen w will make a careful study of how the church operates. Then they should asse themselves in forming church policy. L therans were certainly never intended have a "preachers' church."

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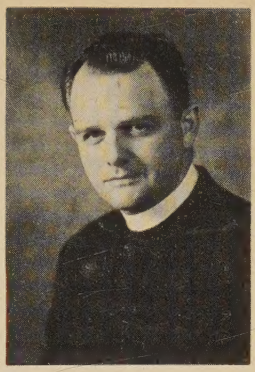

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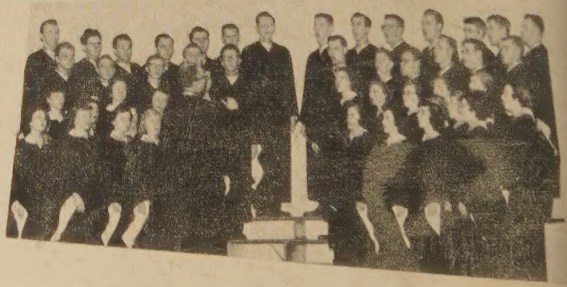

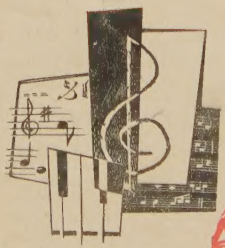

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